

## FUTA'S VISION AND MISSION

### Vision

The Federal University of Technology, Akure aims to be one of the best Universities of Technology in the World, committed to carving out an enviable niche for itself as a centre of excellence, epitomized by high quality programmes, products and contributions to the society.

### Mission

The Federal University of Technology, Akure will ceaselessly promote technological advancement through motivated and skilled staff dedicated to teaching and research, geared towards global needs and production of self-reliant high level manpower, goods and services.

## JONATHAN SEEKS PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION

President Goodluck Jonathan has advised Nigerian Universities and other Higher Institutions of learning to seek partnership with private sector that can assist the government in funding education in the country.

Dr. Jonathan gave the advice while speaking at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Akure.

The President emphasized that the need to cater for other sectors and the huge amount of money required to fund education have warranted the resolution to seek the cooperation of the private sector as the Government alone cannot provide the funds needed to run Higher Institutions of learning in the country.

He charged Nigerian Universities to produce graduates who would be job creators and investors of liberating inventions that would ensure technological and scientific breakthroughs in the country.

While commending the peaceful running of the University academic calendar, the President lauded the contributions of the Institution to the course of national development.

President Jonathan who was represented by the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Julius Okojie stated that the winning of the World Bank Research Grant of over one billion Naira was a testament to the dedication of the University to conduct relevant research.

He informed that Nigerian Universities will be assessed by the quality of graduates they turn out yearly and the relevance of their researches to national needs.

He enjoined the graduands to be good ambassadors of the University and the country by demonstrating the academic

and moral excellence instilled in them while in the University.

Speaking after the University's Honorary Degree of Management Technology was conferred on him, the former head of National Interim Government, Chief Ernest Shonekan opined that investment in education is investment in the future of the country.

Chief Shonekan appealed to the Federal Government and other stakeholders in education to give attention to the decaying infrastructure in the nation's higher institutions of learning, warning that quality education cannot be acquired with the poor infrastructure and facilities in the country's educational Institutions.

He, however, called on Universities to focus on development-oriented research and make them available to both the public and private sectors for implementation.

The former Head of Interim Government expressed appreciation to the Management of FUTA for the honour done him and promised to further contribute to the development of education in the country.

Also, the Governor of Ondo State, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko who was awarded with the University's Honorary Degree of Science joined his co-awardee, Chief Shonekan in expressing concern on how educational Institutions are run in the country.

Governor Mimiko emphasized that the Federal Government should look for more creative ways of running the nation's Higher Institutions of learning so as to meet the purpose for which they were established.

He lauded the University for noticing his efforts at transforming Ondo State and expressed happiness at the honour and development the presence of FUTA has brought to Ondo State and other neighbouring states.

## AAU SECRETARY GENERAL CHALLENGES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

Failure of Nigerian Government and its citizens to seriously and honestly tackle the challenges of education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has been blamed for the degradation of education in the country and the bad quality of graduates turned out by educational Institutions.

This was the submission of the Secretary General, Association of African Universities (AAU), Accra, Ghana, Professor Olugbemiwo Jegede while delivering the 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Lecture of the Federal University of

Technology, Akure titled “ Red-Flag Alert on Emerging Challenges of Higher Education in Africa”.

Professor Jegede expressed dissatisfaction, adding that the country had lost the glory of some decades ago when Nigerian College of Education (NCE) graduates were admitted to pursue postgraduate programmes abroad.

The Lecturer, who described education as the main industry for the acquisition and nurturing of skills needed for national survival, recommended that education in Nigeria should be declared a disaster area that needs emergency rescuing strategy.

He pointed out that any genuine transformation agenda of education in the country should involve the Organised Private Sector since it consumes the products of educational Institutions more than any other sector.

Professor Jegede called on the Organised Private Sector to work cooperatively with the education sector, especially the tertiary Institutions to research and extend the frontiers of knowledge for the growth and development of the country.

The Secretary General also faulted the military regimes for the bastardization and dehumanization of the academia in the 70s and the 80s, arguing that Universities have continued to decline and fall short of the pace with their counterparts in the developed world.

He urged parents to contribute to the upliftment of University education by showing interest and involve themselves in the activities of Universities through attendance of events, raising of funds and interrogation of academics on the quality of education.

The Lecturer admonished the graduands to be good ambassadors of the University by demonstrating the academic and moral uprightness they acquired in the Institution, and urged them to put into practice, the entrepreneurial skills instilled in them to be creators of jobs and not seekers of job.

### **ACCOLADES, AS FUTA COMMISSIONS PROJECTS**

Former Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Chief (Dr) Joseph Sanusi has buttressed the call for the Federal University of Technology, Akure to keep producing graduates that will be creators of jobs and not mere job seekers.

Chief Sanusi who gave the charge while speaking during the presentation of the University's Computer Resource Centre named after him, said that he donated the Centre to the University as part of his commitment to the development of education in Nigeria.

The former Central Bank Governor admonished the Institution to make students proud of it, saying that by so doing they could contribute to its development.

He urged the students to fear God and make hardwork, fairness, integrity and honesty their watchwords. Chief Sanusi lauded the vision of the University and thanked the Management for giving him chance to be part of the success story of the institution, adding that the march to greatness of Nigeria would be supported by the liberating researches the University is conducting.

Also responding to the naming of the road leading to the University's Wildlife Sanctuary after him, the Chairman, FUTA/Akure Community Partnership Forum, Chief Reuben Fazoranti revealed that the rise to prominence of the University is a pride to Akure and entire Ondo State.

Chief Fazoranti assured that efforts are in top gear to bring wildlife to the sanctuary and make it attractive to tourists both within and outside the country.

In his response to the naming of a male hostel after him, the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of FUTA, Professor Peter Adeniyi commended the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun for building on the foundation laid by the founding fathers of the University.

Professor Adeniyi promised that he will be organizing seminars, workshops and lectures on entrepreneur for the occupants of the hostel in order to help FUTA to create more employers of labour.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun stated that the idea of naming buildings after the carefully selected people was to immortalize them for their great contributions to the development of the Institution.

He reiterated that the gesture will encourage others to contribute to the development of the University by giving both moral and financial supports.

Other projects commissioned include a Female Hostel named after the former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council of FUTA, Prof. (Mrs) Jadesola Akande, the Central Research Laboratory named after the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Julius Okojie, FUTA Wildlife Sanctuary named after Late Professor Timothy Afolayan, Academic Building, Block of Classrooms and offices, FUTA Botanical Garden, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology Extension Building, Senate Extension, Sports Complex and Digital Research Laboratory.

### **CHANCELLOR CALLS FOR SPEEDY RE-CONSTITUTION OF VARSITIES GOVERNING COUNCILS**

The Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure and Emir of Lafia, Alhaji (Dr) Isa Mustafa has appealed to President Goodluck Jonathan to speed up re-constitution of the Governing Councils of Federal Universities to ensure that nothing slows down the pace of development in the Nigerian University System.

Alhaji Mustafa, who was speaking at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, informed that some councils have started the process and procedures for the appointment of new Vice-Chancellors before they were dissolved.

The Chancellor reckoned that parents were celebrating a group of excellent graduands whose five years stay on campus were crisis-free and a University that has kept breaking new grounds in academic delivery and research, as well as improved learning environment with good infrastructure and facilities.

He urged the graduands to keep the virtues of hardwork, creativity and responsible behaviour as they step into the larger society, adding that demonstration of patriotic zeal is requested from them.

Alhaji Mustafa charged the parents of the graduands to continue supporting them both in prayers and in kind in order for them to stabilize and live successful post-graduation lives as they await gainful employment.

The Chancellor, however, encouraged the graduands to employ the entrepreneurial skills acquired while in the University instead of waiting for white-collar jobs.

Also speaking, the Vice-Chancellor of FUTA, Professor Adebisi Balogun emphasized that the smooth running of the University's academic calendar is a demonstration of his commitment to return normalcy to the University which is evident in the crisis-free five years stay of the graduands.

Balogun maintained that the evaluation of the drop-out and attrition rates over the years, viz-a-viz students' overall academic performance has helped the University reform the admission processes and procedures, which he said has made entry into the University completely merit-based, enhanced by electronic-based post Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination test.

He revealed that the University has produced a total of 89 first class graduates since 2007, including the eighteen first class graduates in the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the convocation ceremony.

While noting that all academic programmes of the University except the newly created programmes have been fully accredited by both the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the respective professional bodies, the Vice-Chancellor pointed out that the establishment of Quality Assurance Committee has helped in the maintenance of academic activities of the University.

Prof. Balogun commended the graduands for labouring relentlessly and investing huge energy, time and immense material resources to build themselves intellectually, professionally and in general social conduct.

He challenged them to go into the world and perform, not oblivious of the situation in Nigeria which requires morally and academically sound individuals who would effect the necessary changes that the country needs at this critical stage.

### **BALOGUN PROMISES MORE DEVELOPMENT IN FUTA**

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Balogun has vowed not to relent in his effort at maintaining the admirable level of development FUTA has attained after he has achieved his topmost vision of making the University the most peaceful, topmost in standard, frontline in research and outstanding in students' general conduct.

Professor Balogun gave the assurance while he was giving the account of his stewardship during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Ceremony of the University.

He said that despite all his achievements as the Vice-Chancellor since the commencement of his tenure, he is not satisfied as his assessment of the University shows that he still has some dreams to fulfill within the remaining days of his administration.

The Vice-Chancellor mentioned, among other things, the possession of the University's permanent site along Akure-Owo road as his priority, as according to him, the site of 10,000 hectares could be used for more developmental purposes pending the time the Institution would start to develop it.

Professor Balogun also reiterated the need to further improve on the existing quality of teaching aids and equipment and to expand Information Communication Technology (CT) facilities with fibre optics and larger bandwidth.

On students' accommodation, the Don expressed concern over lack of sufficient hostels for students. He stated that the yearly increase in the number of students enrolled has called for construction of additional hostels.

He attributed the success of his administration to peaceful co-existence, diligence, creativity, endurance and tolerance of members of staff and students, and appreciated the faith given him to demonstrate his leadership ability.

The Vice-Chancellor felicitated with the 2,870 graduands for enduring the pains of acquiring knowledge from FUTA, adding that the University has prepared them to face any challenge in the labour market.

### **FUTA HONOURS OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF STAFF**

About One hundred members of staff and retired officers of the Federal University of Technology, Akure have been recognized for their various contributions to the development of the University.

Speaking at the Excellence and Productivity Award Night, One of the activities marking the 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation Ceremony of the University, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Balogun stated that the Institution cannot but express appreciation to the members of staff and retired officers whose exemplary efforts have assisted the University in its quest to become the best University of Technology in the world.

Professor Balogun who described the ceremony as special, being his last as the Vice-Chancellor reiterated that the occasion was to motivate the outstanding members of staff and encourage others to work hard, assuring that there will always be rewards for hardwork.

He explained that the inclusion of the retired staff of the University was to celebrate some of them who spent the greater part of their productive years for the benefit of humanity throughout their contributions towards the growth and development of the University.

He regarded the awards as tokens of Management's appreciation to the few identified individuals, among several worthy others, and confessed that it would be difficult to put price on individual's invaluable services to the University.

Professor Balogun admitted that there are still other members of staff, students and members of the University's publics who despite their excellent performances, were not nominated. He said that the logistics would be difficult to handle if all the qualified individuals were to be recognized.

In his remarks, the Chairman, FUTA/Akure Community Partnership Forum, Chief (Dr) Reuben Fasoranti expressed his delight at visiting FUTA, saying that he always appreciates the well-kept lawns of the University and its other aesthetic values.

Chief Fazoranti commanded the Vice-Chancellor and his members of Management team for the gesture, adding that the presentation of the awards will go a long way in motivating the awardees and bring out the best in other members of staff.

While describing FUTA as paradise on earth, the Afenifere Chairman urged the University to keep focusing on its vision of being the best in the world.

One of the awardees, Professor Adegboyega Ademosun, who spoke on behalf of other awardees, thanked Management for the recognition and honour done them.

He admonished other members of staff to work with the fear of God. Professor Ademosun promised that the awardees will not relent but give more to see the University thrive.

The awards which cut across both academic and non-academic staff included Best researcher of the year, Best inventor of the year, Best staff of the year for both Senior and Junior categories, Longest serving staff and many others.

### FUTA STUDENTS BAG APM TERMINALS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Students of the Federal University of Technology, Akure have continued to stand out in national and international competitions, as five of them came top among 50 students who went through industrial training experience in the APM Terminals Scholarship Award for this year.

Presenting the awards to the students, the General Manager, Human Resources of APM Terminals, Mrs. Teni Araba said the scholarship was instituted as part of her company's public sector responsibility programme which seeks active community involvement in the area of operations to groom youths for the challenges of manning the nation's industrial sector.

Mrs. Araba commended the students not only for their academic excellence, but for also conducting themselves well throughout the exercise.

According to her, the scheme would afford beneficiaries the opportunity to acquire world class training with APM terminals which is the largest container terminals in West Africa.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Professor Adedayo Fasakin expressed gratitude to APM terminals for reaching out to the young ones.

He reiterated the need to invest in youths whom he referred to as the future of the Nation.

The Vice-Chancellor said FUTA will find a means of partnering APM Terminals to develop FUTA students to enable them become self reliant. The beneficiaries are:

S/N	Name	Department	Amount (N)
1.	Moses Koledoye	Electrical/Electronic Engr.	60,000.00
2.	Adedayo Adekoya	Agricultural Engineering	100,000.00
3.	Sijunola Mopelola	Electrical/Electronic Engr.	100,000.00
4.	Orokhe E. Joseph	Electrical/Electronic Engr.	60,000.00
5.	Areemo Tosin	Electrical/Electronic	60,000.00

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### PRESIDENT URGED TO SIGN NIWRMC BILL INTO LAW

President Goodluck Jonathan has been advised to sign into law the executive bill establishing Nigeria Integrated Water Resources Management Commission, passed by the National Assembly after over three years of debate.

The Pioneer Chief Executive Officer, National Integrated Water Resources Management Commission, Engineer Inuwa Kuta Musa gave the advice while delivering the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Federal University of Technology, Akure, titled "**Looming Water Scarcity: The Challenges and Prospects of Integrated Water Resources Management**".

Engr. Musa pointed out that integrated Water Resources Management will provide the broad framework for Government at all levels to align water demands of all users, including the environment with water availability.

The Lecturer opined that the bill, when signed into law, would unleash the huge underutilized water resources, confer water rights on the poor and ensure environmental accounting that would attach real economic values to water based ecosystems within the context of water pricing, allocation and environmental flows.

While assuring that Nigeria cannot run out of water, Engr. Musa warned that the country could run out of time to tackle the critical problems of water scarcity more economically and in a sustainable manner.

He recommended that the ongoing National Integrated Water Resources Management Strategy and Water Efficiency plan should be complemented with detailed catchment management plans for the eight hydrological areas of Niger-North, Niger-Central, Upper Benue, Lower Benue, Niger-South, Western Littoral, Eastern Littoral and Lake Chad, which he said would establish frameworks for monitoring water availability, assessment of the sustainable limits to human use and mechanisms to regulate withdrawals within the limits.

In his remarks, the Dean, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Professor Olaseinde Afolayan informed that the School has invented Fruit Juice Processing Machine, Honey Extraction Machine, Mini-Salt Bath Furnace, Multi-purpose Tillage Equipment, Road Mat from Recycled Bituminous Materials, among others.

Professor Afolayan who described water as crucial to human existence revealed that the School will help in finding solution to the problem of water scarcity by coming up with useful inventions.

He emphasized that the choice of Lecture title was an attempt to examine the problem of water scarcity and proffer way forward.

Also, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Balogun stated that FUTA is currently on the path of greatness, given its contributions to the national development since its establishment.

Prof. Balogun stressed that water is inevitable for the survival of man and other creatures. He called for proper preservation of water.

He expressed gratitude to the Lecturer for taking his time to prepare a development-oriented lecture and commended the Management of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology for sourcing for the Lecturer, who he described as the solution to water problem.

### **FUTA VC ADMONISHES NEW STUDENTS ON ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun has advised the newly admitted students of the University to face their studies and shun all acts capable of jeopardizing their academic pursuits.

Prof. Balogun gave the advice while addressing the matriculants at the 28<sup>th</sup> Matriculation Ceremony of the University.

The Don warned the students against participating in cultism and other vices, adding that many students with bright future have been killed as a result of their participation in cultism and other evil organizations.

He emphasized that the students were lucky to have been counted worthy of studying in the Institution ranked as the best University of Technology in Nigeria, as only 3,000 students were admitted out of the total 29,572 candidates who made FUTA their first and second choices.

The Vice-Chancellor reminded the students of their parents' expectations and urged them to sit tight. He reiterated that the matriculating students should pay their parents back with good grades and moral uprightness.

Balogun assured the students that FUTA would always reward hard work and academic excellence, informing that many students have been sponsored abroad to attend seminars and workshops as a reward for their adherence to the academic requirement of the Institution.

He stressed that Management is taking the welfare of the students very seriously as new hostels, more classrooms and other facilities have been put in place to make students' stay on campus worth-while. He added that the newly upgraded Sport Complex would give the students the opportunity to engage themselves in recreational activities.

### **FUTA SET TO TACKLE POWER PROBLEM, SIGNS MORE MOUS**

In attempt to find lasting solution to the electricity problem in Nigeria, the Federal University of Technology, Akure has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with MIDATCO Group on Capacity Development, Research and Development, Certification, Staff Exchange and Adjunct programme.

MIDACTO Group, which consists a group of companies registered under the law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and United States of America is specialized in the area of renewable energy.

Speaking during the signing of the memorandum, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun said that the quest to find a reasonable solution to the country's electricity problem prompted the University to enter into the agreement with the aim of assisting the

Government in its efforts at ensuring that Nigerians enjoy uninterrupted power supply.

He stated that solar energy would be produced to power some ongoing projects in the University, adding that the project would provide another avenue for students to gain entrepreneurial skill, which according to him would further empower them to face challenges after their stay in the University.

In his reaction, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MIDATCO Group, Dr. Ayo Ajayi expressed happiness at entering into the agreement with FUTA. He said that MIDATCO Group has felt the impact that FUTA is making in the march to greatness of Nigeria and therefore decided to compliment its efforts.

In a related development, the University has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Technical and Business Relationship with Quintas Renewable Energy Solutions Ltd.

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Quintas Renewable Energy Solution Ltd., Dr. Tayo Dairo promised that the agreement would benefit both the University and the society in the area of renewable energy.

Dr. Dairo pointed out that his company has decided to support the effort of FUTA in the area of energy provision, which he noted has been a major concern to the University as the Institution is determined to assist the Government to discover more sources of energy generation.

### **DON WARNS NABDA ON PURSUIT OF MANDATES**

The National Biotechnological Development Agency (NABDA) has been warned to be careful in the pursuit of its mandates so as not to jeopardize the quest for sustainable agricultural production in Nigeria.

The Vice-Chancellor, Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Prof. Tola Badejo gave the warning while delivering the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture of the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Federal University of Technology, Akure, titled "Technology Transfer and Agricultural production".

Prof. Badejo opined that some novices could hide under some of the mandates to encourage the transfer of inappropriate biotechnology, thus creating setback in the country's goal of achieving sustainable agricultural production in the nearest future.

The Lecturer, however, expressed belief that the activities of the Agency are focused on cutting-edge biotechnology that would promote a healthy environment, ensure national food security and provide affordable health care delivery, as well as alleviate poverty.

He suggested that the current emphasis on pharmaceutical research should shift to food security, saying administration of drugs would be ineffective when people are dying of starvation.

Prof. Badejo urged the Federal Government to look for non-exotic ways of boosting agricultural production in the country.

The Wesley University of Science and Technology Vice-Chancellor, who rounded-off his lecture by singing the famous Jamaican born musician, Jimmy Cliff's song, "Remake the World" called on Governments of developing countries to put in concerted global efforts to remake the world by distributing excess food to those with unproductive agricultural lands.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of FUTA, Prof. Adebisi Balogun informed that the University places a lot of emphasis on multi-disciplinary research activities, collaborations and linkages among researchers within and outside the University, also between FUTA and the Industry.

Prof. Balogun revealed that the organization of the annual lecture series was to reach out to like-minds within and outside the academia in order to keep the public abreast of development in the various fields of science and technology.

The Vice-Chancellor, who stated that Nigeria is richly endowed with favourable climatic conditions, urged Government to rejuvenate the country's agricultural sector which he said was the source of development for the country before the discovery of oil.

In his remarks, the Dean of the School, Prof. Julius Alokan reiterated that the 2011 edition of the annual lecture series has come at a critical time when the country is confronting the challenges posed by food insecurity.

Prof. Alokan expressed the need to solve the agricultural problem of the country with the application of science and technology in a way that would create jobs for the youths and boost the reputation of the country as a nation with strong agricultural background.

Highlight of the event was the presentation of the Award of Excellence in Agriculture given to the Vice-Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Senator Adegbeniga Kaka and Ambassadorial and Good Governance Award given to the Vice-Chancellor of FUTA, Pro. Adebisi Balogun.

## **APBN BOSS IDENTIFIES ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT BANK AS SOLUTION TO HOUSING PROBLEM**

Establishment of private-sector owned Construction Development Bank in Nigeria has been identified as the solution to housing problem the country is facing.

The President, Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria, Mr. Olusegun Ajanlekoko gave the hint while delivering the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture of the School of Environmental Technology, Federal University of Technology, Akure, titled "Construction Development Bank: A Panacea for Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Development in Nigeria".

Mr. Ajanlekoko expressed belief that the proposed bank when operational would give Government relief from funding many infrastructural projects and allow it to face other crucial sectors like health, education and internal security.

While warning that the country's path to development cannot be completed without providing housing to the teeming population, the Lecturer expressed concern that half of Nigeria's population lives in urban and semi urban areas, with majority living in slums and substandard accommodation.

He faulted the allocation of N36.7 billion to the Federal Ministry of Land and Housing by the Federal Government for capital projects like boreholes, town halls, street lights, market stalls, land acquisition and salaries, instead of building houses for the homeless masses.

According to him, the proposed specialized bank would be a catalyst for industrial growth and development, adding that the increase in output would lead to increase in the production of inputs for the production of construction output, thereby leading to increase in Industrial Capacity Utilization as well as increase in employment and growth in the national economy.

Earlier, the Dean, School of Environmental Technology, Professor Rufus Ogunsemi feared that architectural

design will remain unaccomplished if there is no finance to translate the design into bricks and mortar.

Prof. Ogunsemi reiterated that the imperativeness of the Construction Development Bank in tackling housing deficits and infrastructural decay cannot be over-emphasized. He stated that the topic of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture was carefully chosen as housing problem has dominated contemporary discourse in the last few years.

In his words, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Balogun informed that annual lecture series have been institutionalized in the University in order to regularly appraise the institution's theoretical experiences and juxtapose them against the dynamics in the larger society.

Prof. Balogun revealed that events like annual lecture series have created avenue for accomplished experts, academics and professionals in various fields to rub minds, and identify the aspects of the University's curriculum that are in tandem with the best practices and also highlight those areas that require review and possible improvement.

He commended the innovativeness of the School, saying that the School has continued to wax stronger since the last assessment by the National Universities Commission, which declared it the best School of Environmental Technology in Nigeria.

Highlight of the occasion was the Award for meritorious service given to the former Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University and pioneer Dean of the School, Professor Adeyinka Adeyinka Adeyemi

## **FUTA ALUMNI CHARGED ON TEAMWORK, COMMITMENT TO VARSITY**

Members of the Alumni Association, Federal University of Technology, Akure have been enjoined to work as a team, so as to bring sustainable development to the Institution and preserve the integrity it had attained.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Adebisi Balogun gave the advice while addressing members of the Association at the alumni award and fund-raising dinner organized as part of activities marking the 23<sup>rd</sup> convocation ceremony of the University.

Professor Balogun, who hinted that there is strength in unity, admonished the members of the Association to locate other alumni of the Institution and give support that will bring infrastructural development to the University.

He, however, commended some members of the Association who have been supporting the University especially Engineer Cyril Ajagu for his contribution to FUTA Capital Campaign and Mr. Babatunde Babalola who recently pledged to give a sum of 500,000 for the overall best graduating student, N250,000 for the best graduating Electrical Electronic Engineering student and one million naira in support of capital projects in the University.

While praying that alumni of the University will become Vice-Chancellors of the Institution, Professor Balogun implored members of the Association to give individual support to the University so as to have their names written in the success story of the Institution.

An alumnus of the Institution and Rector, Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo, Professor Igbekele Ajibefun, while receiving an Ambassadorial Award expressed happiness at the pace of development in the University.

Ajibefun revealed that FUTA products are the targets of employers of labour due to academic excellence and moral uprightness instilled in them while in the University.

The Rector commended the Executive of the Alumni Association for their efforts at uniting all the products of the Institution and ensuring that they return to pay back to the institution that made them.

In his words, Ondo State Commissioner for Works, Engineer Gboye Adegbenro, also an alumnus of FUTA, maintained that the Honour of Merit Award he was given would go a long way in giving him more impetus to work for the development of the University and the state at large

Engineer Adegbenro appealed to other members of the Association to create close relationship with the University, adding that, that will keep them update with the development in the University.

Speaking earlier, the National Chairman of the Association Pastor Wale Adelokun promised the support of the Association to Management and the entire community of the University.

Pastor Adelokun assured that the Association will encourage its members both home and abroad on the need to give support to the University and informed that the Executive of the Association will keep other members abreast of the development in the University.

### **FUTA'S FORESTRY DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT LIBERATING RESEARCH ON SOUTHWESTERN NIGERIAN FORESTS**

A Liberating Research on management of ecosystems services of the southwestern 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 Julius Alokun 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 Alokun, who spoke through another Professor in the School, Tunde Awoniyi, 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 Oke, Professor James Okunlola of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension and Dr. Victor Adekunle 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 Alokun 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 Oke opined that the solution to most of the environment problems facing the human race lies in the forest.

Dr. Oke 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.

Participants at the workshop included members of the research team, stakeholders in forestry from the Department of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture, Ondo and Ekiti States and students of the Department of Forestry and Wood Technology, FUTA.

### **FASAKIN TO SERVE ON AAC**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Dayo Fasakin has been nominated to serve as a member of the Aquaculture Advisory Committee (AAC).

Fasakin's valuable contributions to Aquaculture development in Nigeria led to his nomination on the committee which is expected to guide in the implementation of the 5-year National Aquaculture Development Plan (NADP).

The NADP is the main policy thrust of the Aquaculture subsector which aims at implementing the key elements of the National Aquaculture strategy specifically assigning roles and responsibilities to the private and public sectors, as well as the stakeholders in general.

### **MANAGEMENT APPOINTS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS**

The Management of the Federal University of Technology, Akure has appointed Dr. F.I. Alao of the Department of Mathematical Science as Associate Director, Pre-Degree Science Programme in the University's Centre for Continuing Education (CCE).

Also, Management enjoins members of staff to take note of the change in Headship of the Department of Ecotourism and Wildlife Management from Professor E.A. Agbelusi to Dr. A.I. Adeyemo. Subsequent memos should be addressed to Dr. A.I. Adeyemo who is now the Acting Head of Department.

Similarly, Dr. V.O. Asekunowo has been appointed Acting Head of Department of Entrepreneurship Management Technology in the School of Management Technology with immediate effect.

### **NSPP ELECTS NEW COUNCIL**

The Nigerian Society for Plant Protection (NSPP) has elected new members for its council. They are:

S/n	Position	Name	Institution
1.	National President	Prof. A.B.	FUT, Akure

		Olufolaji	
2.	Vice President	Dr. P.S. Chindo	ABU, Zaria
3.	Secretary	Dr. J. Atungwu	UNAAB, Abeokuta
4.	Treasurer	Dr. (Mrs) B.J. Akinyele	FUT, Akure
5.	Asst. Secretary	Dr. A.S. Odeyemi	UNAAB, Abeokuta
6.	Editor-in-Chief	Prof. D.B. Olufolaji	FUT, Akure
7.	Business Manager	Dr. A. Onekutu	UNAGRIC, Makurdi
8.	Ex-Officio	Prof. B.M. Sasatawa	UNIMAID, Maiduguri

### FUTA NIM WINS BEST CHAPTER AWARD

The Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), FUTA Chapter has won the NIM 2011 Best Chapter Award. This was presented at the recently concluded Annual National Management Conference held in Abuja

The award which was presented only ten months after the Chapter's inauguration is said to be a testimony of the Chapter's zeal and Commitment to excellence.

The Management of the University commends the Chapter and prays for the sustenance of wisdom and Unity for members to continue to contribute to the development of the Chapter and the Institution at large.

### UPDATE OF NEXT-OF-KIN RECORDS

Members of staff are hereby urged to up-date their next-of-kin records. This is due to the fact that information on staff next-of-kin in the University's records have been observed to be incomplete or at variance on different documents presented at at different occasions.

### STAFF SECONDARY SCHOOL APPOINTS NEW HODS

The Management board of the Staff Secondary School has approved the appointments of new Heads of Departments in the School. Those appointed include:

- (1) Mr. Ikuyinminu Tony - Science
- (2) Mr. Oyinlola 'Soji - Languages
- (3) Mr. Ajayi, R.O. - Social Sciences
- (4) Mr. Aturamu, A..A. - Vocational & Technical

### PROMOTIONS

The University Management has approved the promotions of Dr (Mrs) F.O. Omoya of the Department of Microbiology, Mrs. O.P. Faromika of the Department of Physics and Mr. I.A. Owokotomo of the Department Chemistry to the grade of Lecturer I.

Similarly, Dr. A.O. Adetuyi of the Department of Chemistry has been promoted to the grade of Reader.

### APPOINTMENTS

The underlisted have been offered appointments in various capacities of the University's Departments.

S/n	Name	Designation	Dept/Unit
1.	Mr. A.E. Babalola	Planning	-

		Officer II	
2.	Miss. O.O. Sowunmi	Planning Officer II	-
3.	Mr. A. E. Onemu	Planning Officer II	-
4.	Mr. O.O. Ajayi – Audi Ibrahim	Technologist II	AGY
5.	Mr. O.I. Adese	Technologist II	CVE
6.	Mr. O.C. Alaba	Assistant Lecturer	MNE
7.	Mr. O.S. Olaniran	Technologist II	FWT
8.	Mr. A.A. Osinowo	Assistant Lecturer	MST
9.	Mr. O.O. Ogunbodede	Software Engineer II	CRC
10.	Mr. A.N. Charles	Administrative Officer	Registry
11.	Miss. Y.H. Olumoyin	Administrative Officer II	Registry
12.	Mr. T. J. Raji	Auditor II	Internal Audit
13.	Mrs. R. O. Alatise	Accountant II	Bursary
14.	Mr. O. O. Olotu	Auditor II	Internal Audit
15.	Mr. O. O. Ogunbode	Software Engineer II	CRC
16.	Miss S. P. Akande	Network Engineer II	CRC
17.	Mr. O. A. Ajifolukun	Network Engineer II	CRC
18.	Mr. S. T. Adenikinju	Network Engineer II	CRC
19.	Mr. A. A. Adejola	Network Engineer II	CRC
20.	Mr. T. J. Ogundele	Software Engineer II	CRC
21.	Mr. D. T. Adamo	Software Engineer II	CRC
22.	Miss B. T. Olanipekun	Administrative Officer I	Registry
23.	Mrs. O. A. Temola	Accountant II	Bursary
24.	Mr. E. S. Akinwande	Accountant II	Bursary
25.	Mr. J. O. Adebuseyi	Accountant II	Bursary
26.	Mr. Gbolahan Ayoade	Technologist II	CHE
27.	Mrs. O. O. Sarumi	Software Engineer II	CRC
28.	Komolafe Lara Catherine	Asst. Exe. Off. (Accounts)	Bursary
29.	Oni, Medinat Sade	Asst. Exe. Off. (Accounts)	Bursary

### OTHER APPOINTMENTS

#### Sabbatical Appointments

S/N	Name	Designation	Department
1.	Mrs. A. A. Aganga	Professor	APH
2.	Mrs. Iyabo Mabawonku	Professor	LMT

#### Contract Appointments

S/N	Name	Designation	Department/Unit
1.	Miss O. O. Salau	Executive Officer	FUTA Radio
2.	Mrs. J. A. Afolayan	Asst. Exec. Officer	Registry
3.	Mr. O. A. Asekunowo	Asst. Technical Officer	FUTA Radio
4.	Mr. W. S. Adelegan	Cleaner	Registry
5.	Mrs. F. A. Akeredolu	Cleaner	Registry
6.	Mrs. O. E. Odole	Cleaner	Registry
7.	Miss T. Alli	Cleaner	Registry
8.	Mrs. S. Awobayikun	Cleaner	Registry
9.	Mr. S. I. Ayodele	Cleaner	Registry

### Temporary Appointments

S/N	Name	Designation	Department/Unit
1.	Mrs. Oluwadamilola Agbato	Assistant lecturer	PMT
2.	Mrs. F. Ayodele	Accountant II	Bursary
3.	Mr. Fayose, Bamidele David	Office Attendant III	Registry
4.	Mr. Atunbi Abiodun Ademola	Porter	Library
5.	Miss Ajiroto Esther Tolu	Library Assistant	Library
6.	Mrs. M. O. Alawiye	HEO	Registry

### RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENTS

The renewal of appointments of the following members of staff have been approved.

S/N	Name	Designation	Department
1.	Mr. L. O. Oparinde	Research/Graduate Asst.	AEE
2.	Mr. O. E. Ogunmakinde	Teaching Assistant	ARC
3.	Mrs. Sumonu, F. O.	Cleaner	
4.	Mr. G. F. Sule-Akinsuyi	Groundsman III	Sports Centre
5.	Mr. O. C. Adetila	Groundsman III	Sports Centre
6.	Mrs. C. A. Omirin	Administrative Officer II	CCE
7.	Mrs. O. A. Akinmoladun	Snr. Secretary Conf.	CCE
8.	Mrs. O. A. Imolehin	Confidential Secretary	CCE
9.	Mr. O. O. Tawose Babajide	Snr. Secretary Conf.	CCE
10.	Mrs. F. M. Aremu	Snr. Secretary Conf.	CCE
11.	Mrs. O. Y. Kuboye	Snr. Secretary Conf.	CCE
12.	Mrs. Isaac Odunola Rachael	Cleaner	
13.	Mrs. Adetoyinbo Victoria Toyin	Cleaner	
14.	Mrs. Bamigboye Blessing Bosede	Cleaner	

15.	Mrs. Njoku Ngozi Clara	Cleaner	
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### Other Appointments renewed on Higher grades include:

S/N	Name	Designation	Department
1.	Mr. Omolade John	Craftman (Electrical)	Works & Services
2.	Mr. ogundele Adewole	Snr. Craftman (Bricklaying)	Works & Services
3.	Mr. Olusola Ogidan	Snr. Craftman (Capentry)	Works & Services
4.	Mr. Elujoba Alani	Snr. Craftman (Bricklaying)	Works & Services
5.	Mr. Emmanuel Forson, Q	Craftman (Electrical)	Works & Services

### REGULARIZATION OF APPOINTMENTS

The appointments of the following members of staff have been regularized.

S/N	Names	Designation	Department
1.	Mr. K. D. Akinrinwa	Software Engineer II	CRC
2.	Miss A.O. Afolayan	Administrative Officer II	Registry
3.	Miss V. Y. Oludare	Executive Officer	FUTA Radio
4.	Mr. O. S. Okaka	Technical Officer	FUTA Radio
5.	Mr. M. O. Oguntolu	Producer/Presenter	FUTA Radio
6.	Mr. A. O. Fadamiro	Network Engineer II	CRC

### RETIREMENT AND WITHDRAWAL

Mr. Adebola Adesina of the Department of Agricultural Engineering has retired from the University, while Mr. E. O. Ariyo of the Department of Biochemistry and Mr. K. J. Bassey of the Department of Mathematical Science have withdrawn their services from the University.

### EXPULSION

Oguntifa, Oluwasegun Ayotunde, a University Diploma in Science student has been expelled from the University for involvement in examination misconduct. He is therefore, advised to hand over all University property in his possession to the officer in charge and vacate the premises.

### MATERNITY LEAVE FOR FEMALE PUBLIC SERVANTS

The University Management has approved the implementation of the circular with Ref. No. HCSF/EPO/EIR/CND/S.100/COL.1/22 dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 from the Office of the Head of Civil Service in respect of maternity Leave for Female Public Servants. The circular made provision for the maternity leave for female Public Servants as follows:

1. All female Public Servants should be given sixteen (16) weeks maternity leave entitlement with full pay at a stretch, beginning not later than 4 weeks from the expected date of delivery and the balance of twelve weeks immediately after delivery. Any affected staff who fails to take her leave four weeks before the expected delivery date will forfeit the four weeks.

2. Any female Officer who is nursing a child shall be granted two hours off-duty everyday for a maximum period of six months from the date she resumes from maternity leave.
3. A medical certificate showing the expected date of confinement must be presented not less than two months before that date. The annual leave for that year will, however be regarded as part of the maternity leave.

## **FUTA SECONDARY SCHOOL SENDS FORTH FORMER BOARD CHAIRMAN, SHINES AGAIN, WEARS NEW LOOK**

Members of staff of FUTA Secondary School recently organized a send-forth party in honour of its 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 Chairman for his contributions to the school.

In 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 4<sup>th</sup> Benson Awomewe 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, reproofing, repairs of doors and windows, laying of floor tiles and painting.

The renovation efforts of the Board Chairman, Prof. Biyi Daramola and the Principal, Mrs. M. O. Fasakin is geared towards embracing better learning and working environment for students and staff alike.

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*Desist from this or else the state will fight you to the point of recovery, loss of job and tarnish your good name.*

*Be warned.*

***From FUTA Anti-Corruption Unit.***

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