DEANS OF AGRICULTURE MEET IN FUTA

The 57th Annual General Meeting of Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigerian Universities (ADAN) recently held at the Hilltop CCE Auditorium of the Federal University of Technology, Akure.

In his welcome address, the host who is also the Dean of School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), Professor Julius Alokan urged his Dean colleagues to join in the transformation agenda in the agriculture sector by sensitizing all stakeholders in Agriculture on the need to create enabling environment for excellent and effective, teaching, research and extension activities.

Speaking on the theme “Repositioning of Agricultural Training for Transforming Agriculture in Nigeria”, he said the choice of the theme is to achieve a hunger free Nigeria through an agricultural sector that will drive income growth, accelerate achievement of food and national security, generate employment and transform the country into a leading player in global food markets to grow wealth for millions of farmers.

Welcoming the Deans, the Chief Host and Vice-Chancellor, FUTA, Professor Adebiyi Gregory Daramola urged his colleagues in the agricultural industry to be more concerned about the quality of training they give students to studying agriculture and related courses so as to make them self-reliant and key into the transformation agenda in the industry.

One of the main events at the occasion was the award presented to Professor Sheu AbdulRahman, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Gashua, Yobe State. The award is in recognition of his contribution to the development of agriculture sector in Nigeria.

Presenting the award, The Vice-Chancellor, FUTA, Professor Adebiyi Daramola said “When I met Professor AbdulRahman at the Committee of Vice-Chancellor’s meeting earlier in the year, I was excited. He represents one of the leading light of agriculture profession”. Prof. Rahman thanked ADAN for the award and encouraged members to continue to push for the positive development of agriculture in Nigeria.