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Daramola Urges Colleagues to Improve Quality of Teaching and Research

There is an urgent need to improve the quality of teaching and research in Nigerian Universities to meet the needs of the 21st Century and global best practices in tertiary education. This Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Adebisi Daramola stated this while declaring open a one-day workshop for teaching staff of the University. The workshop organized by the Academic Quality Assurance Committee of the University addressed issues bothering on 21st Century University administration, Standardization of curriculum and University culture. Daramola who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Professor Adedayo Fasakin said "If we must be among the best Universities in Africa and the world, then we all need additional change, which should permeate the way we teach in terms of quality, the way we research, in terms of originality, the way we relate with students in the spirit of consumerism and the way we relate with the non-teaching staff in the spirit of complementary and camaraderie".

Professor Daramola frowned at attitudes like inefficiency, absolute disregard for University culture, willful disobedience to constituted authorities, willful perpetration of various forms of misconduct operating in the system and urged his colleagues to shun such attitudes and emulate operations in the advanced countries so as to reposition Nigerian University system. He said "For some of you who have travelled to other parts of the world, you must have seen the wide variance between how we teach, relate with students and other stakeholders and how others do same elsewhere in the world. The difference in our modus operandi accounts for the differences in the global ranking of

Universities.”

In his address, Chairman, University Academic Quality Assurance Committee, and organizer of the workshop, Professor Benjamin Adewuyi urged his colleagues to work toward a common goal of making FUTA a reference point in the committee of institutions of higher learning producing students that are indeed worthy in learning and character. This is because the success of the teachers’ effort as scholars can only be seen in the quality of products passed into the society.

Professor Adewuyi said “If the goal of making FUTA one of the best Universities of Technology in the world is to be achieved, we will have to imbibe such values and character that will make our template world standard. We must not stand aloof to silent but positive change going on around us and we must incorporate ourselves to the moving train as change agents to our respective departments and schools.” Speaking on the objective of the workshop, Professors Daramola and Adewuyi said “it is to improve the quality of our corporate functionality and efficiency so as to transform our University”.

Professor Adewuyi thanked the Daramola-led management for establishing the Academic Quality Assurance Committee and assured that with the workshop, which is going to be a continuous one, the standards and quality of FUTA educational provisions will be enhanced.