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EXXONMOBIL TO MAKE FUTA GEOSCIENCE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

ExxonMobil Nigeria, a major player in the Oil Exploration sector has concluded plans to make the Federal University of Technology, Akure a Geoscience Centre of Excellence. To actualize this plan, a technical team from the organisation led by Mr. Akinsanmi Ojo, an alumnus of FUTA recently paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola where talks were held to formalize the arrangements. Addressing the Management, Ojo who expressed his joy at the remarkable physical and structural development in the University since he left in 1999, gave kudos to Professor Daramola and his team for lifting FUTA high among Nigerian Universities. He also commended the quality of the products of the university, saying ‘they are top fliers in their different ports of call’

The three man Team who were also in FUTA on a mentorship training programme for students and staff on Oil Industry and exploration, implored the university authority not to relent in producing globally relevant graduates who will keep flying the institution’s name high. Responding, the Vice- Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola, appreciated ExxonMobil Nigeria for its mindful of its corporate social responsibility and for extending its hands of fellowship and good gesture to the university.

He appealed to the company not to relent in its service and contribution to the university. Daramola said Nigeria and the Nigerian Universities would be better if other major Oil Companies could

demonstrate same attitude like ExxonMobil by giving back to the society. Speaking at the three days training organised for the final year and Post Graduate students of the department of Applied Geophysics, Applied Geology, Marine Science and Technology, Remote Sensing and GIS and Mining Engineering, Mr. Ojo said the training was organised for the students with the aim of protecting Nigeria's tomorrow today, enhancing communication between students, lecturers and Oil Industry Professionals.

According to him, the University Assisted Programme (UAP) which started about Seven years ago is one of the many initiatives ExxonMobil introduced to improve the quality of Geoscience Education in Nigeria, and is being complemented by the University partnering Programme with the goal of helping Nigerian Universities produce Geoscience graduates that can stand on equal competitive terms with other geoscience students across the globe.

The 24 lecture series among other things covered writing good curriculum Vitae, Thesis, History of Oil and Gas in Nigeria, Effective presentation and communication, understanding Oil and Gas, Leadership styles and Basic petroleum Chemistry, to mention a few. Encouraging students to make use of the opportunity in the Oil and Gas industry, he said 'Oil and Gas business has high reward despite the high risk due to Oil spillage and gas flaring which has been the industry major challenge.

Enlightening the students on how to develop a good Curriculum Vitae and Thesis that should be tailored towards the goals and objective of the company they are applying for, Mr. Ojo said the students must create time to make research into the company, keep themselves updated on the development in the company and modern CV writing.