



# FUTA NEWS

## **FUTA ADVANCEMENT CENTRE: ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL EDIFICE TO BEHOLD**

The beauty of the Federal University of Technology, Akure and the growth in its critical infrastructure has a new addition in the Advancement Centre. The building, a modest architectural masterpiece tastefully and functionally finished, is situated along the WASCAL road of the Obanla axis of the campus. The Centre is equipped with State-of-the-art facilities, generous Office spaces, conveniences, a green quadrangle, constant internet Access, inverter and solar power to avoid electrical disruption. The center will no doubt quicken the engagement with alumni of the University and will drive the attraction of funds, endowments and grants for development.

An alumni relation is a new concept in Higher Institutions in Nigeria and in most parts of Africa. It is set up to constantly engage with alumni and other critical stakeholders as a way of winning the heart of products of an Institution by bringing them back to relate with their Alma Mata with the aim of making them give back to their University. The New FUTA Advancement Centre will serve as the University's Alumni Relations Centre. The Director of the Centre, Professor Peter Aborisade, said with the dwindling resources from the Federal Government, Institutions now adopt a model that is being used in Western countries where in Institutions rely on donations, endowments and grants by prominent people and Alumni. He said "the Advancement Centre focuses on three major areas, fund raising, Alumni relations which is the heart beat for the development of an Institution and creation of linkages and collaborations".

Aborisade appreciated the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola for his effort at rebranding the advancement Centre, first from what it used to be as the Development and Alumni Unit in an obsolete

building to a full blown Centre with a befitting edifice. He noted that the effort of the Vice-Chancellor has in no small way helped in realizing the dream of the Centre. “The Vice-Chancellor who is the Chief Advancement Officer spearheaded the rebranding and redevelopment of the center and we now have better engagement with our stakeholders to drive support of partners. It is this engagement through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) that has given birth to the New Advancement Centre Building”. He said. Aborisade added that the new Centre donated by the Mutual Benefit Assurance Company, is the Organization’s Corporate Social Responsibility initiative in the University. He believed that through this new Centre more alumni will love to visit the School, networks will be generated and more funds will be attracted to the University. Ibrahim Oladipo, graduating student of Applied Geology, said that the new Centre is a pride to the University, adding that this will increase human traffic to the Centre and encourage FUTA Alumni to visit and collaborate with its officials thereby contributing to the development of the University holistically.