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FUTA ALUMNI HOLD SEMINAR FOR FINAL YEAR STUDENTS

Final year students of the Federal University of Technology, Akure and Nigerian teeming youth seeking unavailable employments have been admonished to discover their potentials and explore new areas that will make them relevant to the development of the country. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development, Professor Tolulope Akinbogun who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola gave this admonition while addressing the final year FUTA students at the Student's Empowerment Seminar organized by FUTA Alumni Association recently. In view of the increasing population of job seekers in the country, the FUTA Alumni Association deemed it fit to teach their would-be junior colleagues methods of fishing instead of feeding them with fish. This is a major Social Responsibility function put in place by FUTA Alumni Association in conjunction with Professor Jonathan Onyekwelu and Human Capital Partners. The two day seminar with the title "Unlocking your Potentials for Job and Wealth Creation" was part of the initiative of the FUTA Alumni to step up its contributions to the University.

Akinbogun said "For a long time now in the country and the world over, there has been a sustained campaign for the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). It has become obvious that the government in any country of the world, even in the developed nations cannot provide enough jobs for the army of employment seekers. Therefore the theme of this seminar is apt. God at creation has endowed everyone with innate potentials which if discovered and properly utilized can take one from the realms of job seekers to job creators. There are times in life when a man has to put aside his credentials and pick up his potentials. In fact, I strongly believe that your potentials are capable of bringing you what your credentials cannot. You will agree with me that most of the richest men in the world today leveraged on their potentials to attain such feats."

To the final year students who are beneficiaries of the seminar, the don said "Dear students, it is not enough to acquire certificates in today's world. There is need for self-development that will culminate into self-employment. Graduates of FUTA in particular do not have any excuse to roam the streets in search of unavailable jobs. The University motto is 'Technology for Self Reliance' which implies acquisition of knowledge for self-empowerment. I therefore urge you to take advantage of this opportunity presented you on a platter of gold and leverage on it for a secured future."

Speaking in the same vein, the Commissioner for Employment and Productivity in Ondo State, Honourable Ogundeji Iroju said "It is my belief that this occasion will present the participants the opportunity of unraveling all the hidden potentials for job and wealth creation. The onus, therefore, lies on participants to recognize the selfless services of your senior colleagues to provide you with this opportunity and to make yourselves

listening participants of this noble programme. The unemployment challenges in this country have called for concerted efforts from all concerned to provide soft landing to prospective job seekers and make them independent.”

Addressing participants, Director, Advancement Centre, Dr. Bayo Aborisade said “Opportunities are provided today for you to launch yourselves into the future, so grab it. We have prominent Nigerians who will show you how to become great in the future. You truly need to develop yourself to become great. We live in a country that does not care for about the future of the youth, but we will do our best in the Advancement Centre to help you to learn the rudiments of business development and find employment for you. Take full advantage of this opportunity which goes beyond what you will learn in the classroom. This seminar demonstrates practical ways to face the future. The Advancement Centre is looking forward to sustaining this programme for the benefits of our graduating students.”

Akinbogun, Ogundeji and Aborisade praised the effort of FUTA Alumni Association for remembering to give back to their University and the society by striving to teach how to fish. Speaking earlier, the National President of FUTA Alumni Association, Mr. Akin Aina said “As you will soon be leaving the University, you will have to take decision. Choices will be made, including job to take and those choices will have direct consequences on your lives. Some will make you while some can mar your life. It is in view of this that the Alumni Association invited seasoned professionals and administrators all graduates of FUTA, who have gone through this path to share with you their experiences and acquired skills that will take you up in life. The ultimate goal of this seminar is to ensure that you succeed in life so that you can be useful to yourselves and give back to FUTA

in the future."Aina commended the effort of the Daramola-led management team for taking FUTA to the market place and sustaining the tradition.

Speakers at the seminar included Mr. Innocent Oseghe (Human Capital Partners), Mr. Kole Azeez (Globacom) Mr. Yomi Fawehinmi (Chevron) who are all Alumni and Professors Jonathan Onyekwelu and Yemisi Adeparusi from FUTA. The speakers took participants through topics like: Beyond the University – what lies ahead; Finding and Searching Your Dream Vocation/Business and several other self-sustaining opportunities.