



FUTA IS A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE BRAND - VC

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Adebisi Daramola has described the University as a highly competitive brand, accommodating only the best.

The Vice-Chancellor who spoke at a media chat yesterday described the University as one of the best in the nation. He explained that aside from teaching and research, the FUTA brand is particular about community service which completes the tripod on which the University's mandate is formed.

He disclosed that the University had acquired a landed property for its non-academic programmes to promote its drive for entrepreneurship and step up its contributions to its immediate communities.

The Vice-Chancellor who explained that the University undergraduates are engaged in skill acquisition programmes noted that plans are in place to train artisans and interested youths in the area of welding, tailoring, mechanized farming, carpentry, among others, to encourage self-reliance and their economic development. He noted the University's disposition to create linkages to attract grants for its trainees.

Speaking further on entrepreneurship, the Vice-Chancellor declared that the University had acquired equipment for food processing by virtue of its pronouncement as Centre for Food Security by the United Nations. He said the University had established a linkage with farming communities in and around its locations. He said the affected farmers have continued to benefit from new techniques and contemporary practices taught by experts from the University.

On student welfare, the Vice-Chancellor disclosed the University's discussion with the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University on the **four plus two** programme in which students from FUTA are transferred to Florida for the final session of their undergraduate programme and afforded the opportunity to proceed on their Masters programmes. He also noted that the University has well packaged training programmes for its students, particularly leaders of the Students' Union, both locally and internationally.

Professor Daramola enumerated the University's achievements in the past year in the area of reformation. He said works and services, infrastructure, ICT, road network, water, power, e-learning, collaborations, staff and student exchange programmes have all been given new impetus since his assumption of office.