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FUTA IS TRAINING STUDENTS TO BE ENTREPRENEURS -ADEWUYI

The Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship Technology, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Benjamin Adewuyi has said that FUTA is committed to equipping students with entrepreneurial skills to empower them economically after leaving the University. The Director stated this at the first exhibition of products of EMT 302 at the Technology Museum. Products displayed fell under the categories of Catering, Baking and Confectioneries, Automobile diagnosis, Computer repairs, Electrical House Wiring, Fashion and Hairdressing and manufacturing. Adewuyi said the aim of the course is to churn out students who will be self-employed and ultimately become employers of labour. He also said other Universities are emulating FUTA's CENT and also structuring their curriculum to embrace entrepreneurship. The Director said he was elated at the students' response to the programme adding that the University Management will ensure the sustainability of the course as its advantages to the students are enormous.

Corroborating him, the Associate Director, CENT, Dr. Olayinka Awopetu said FUTA is keying into the Federal Government's initiative to ensure students acquire additional skills while acquiring their degrees. Awopetu disclosed that some of the trainers are current 500 level students who excelled when they did the course as 300 level students thus underscoring the importance of entrepreneurship to students. The Associate Director implored Management and members of the University community to buy the products of the students in order to encourage future enthusiastic participation in the programme.

One of the trainers of the students, Madam Tina Odili, CEO, Tinax Eatery said the students showed enthusiasm throughout the duration of training and that they showed willingness to start up business ventures even while still on campus. Also speaking, Olaniyan Ibukun, a student of Building who was trained in catering said he gained a lot and that he was grateful that students were placed in various groups irrespective of gender adding that it will enable them to acquire the necessary skills necessary for coping with life after graduation. Another student, Ayomide Adepeju of the Department of Mining Engineering who learnt fashion and Designing said it was a privilege to be availed the opportunity of learning a skill while on campus she enjoined Management not to relent in its efforts at enabling students to stand on their own given the current economic situation of the country.

Earlier the Dean of School of Management Technology, Professor Tomola Obamuyi said he was satisfied with the output of the students. He commended the staff of CENT for putting in their best to adequately train the students. He also enjoined students to ensure judicious and impactful use of the skill acquired from the training.