NUGA2014: TEAM FUTA WINS 11 MEDALS

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA, Professor Adebiyi Daramola has described the performance of the institution’s athletes at the just concluded Nigerian University Games, NUGA as heartwarming. FUTA’s contingent to the games held at the Obafemi Awolowo University placed 11th out of 57 participating Universities with two gold medals in long jump and Table Tennis Team events. FUTA also won 5 silver medals and 4 bronze medals. Predictably Babajide Okulaja who has shown consistent class picked the gold medal in the long jump event as none of his fellow competitors could match his dexterity. Daramola said it was a thing of joy that FUTA, the Nation's leading University of Technology, has also shown its readiness to be counted among the best in sports. The Vice Chancellor reiterated his administration’s determination to continue to support students who are sport inclined so that they can create a good balance between sports and academics. He assured that the University, which has state of the art tartan track and one of the best sporting facilities in the Nigerian University system, will ensure their regular maintenance and upgrading so that students will continue to have access to the best training environment that will bring the best out of them. The Chairman of the Institution’s Sports Council, Dr. Peter Aborisade and the Sports Coordinator, Michael Ajibua also lauded the athletes for putting up a decent performance and the Daramola led University Management for its total support for the contingent.