



# FUTA NEWS

## **FUTA TO BECOME CISCO'S FIRST 'SMART' CAMPUS IN NIGERIA**

Cisco Networking Academy, an American Multinational Technology Conglomerate, has entered into a collaborative partnership with the Federal University of Technology Akure, FUTA with the view of transferring emerging skills needed in the new digital economy to students and educators in the university community. At the official opening ceremony of the academy in FUTA, Cisco Academy support contact, Mr. Toyin Olatayo said that the goal of the programme is to produce graduates who are confident, creative and productive users of emerging communication technologies thereby making them global problem solvers. Mr. Olatayo further said that the Academy is poised to make FUTA a smart campus which will be the first of its kind in Nigeria. Mr. Olatayo disclosed that enrollment into the academy attracts instant enrollment on IoT courses, mentorship and entrepreneurship programmes, internship opportunity with UNITEs, exchange programmes, professional certification among others.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola said ICT skills are needed globally. He said in the new digital age, employers are no longer interested in higher education certificates but in life skills and knowledge capabilities. Daramola urged the students to borrow a leaf from FUTA Alumni making waves in cyber technology and to avail themselves of the opportunity of the career building program of the academy to acquire skills that will make them globally relevant. The Head of Department, Electrical/ Electronics Engineering, Dr Samson Oyetunji said that the Cisco package is not only for engineers but for all programmes in the university. He said it is an opportunity to turn all nonprofit ventures on the internet into profitable ventures. Oyetunji said with the new

development, the university is well equipped to address the dynamism of its curriculum by giving FUTA products comparative advantage in the labour market.