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## FUTA'S VISION AND MISSION

### Vision

The Federal University of Technology, Akure aims to be one of the best Universities of Technology in the World, committed to carving out an enviable niche for itself as a center of excellence, epitomized by high quality programmes, products and contributions to the society.

### Mission

The Federal University of Technology, Akure will ceaselessly promote technological advancement through motivated and skilled staff dedicated to teaching and research, geared towards global needs and production of self-reliant high level manpower, goods and services.

## JAMB OKAYS FUTA FOR CBT EXAMINATION

The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, (JAMB) Professor Dibu Ojerinde has said that the Federal University of Technology, Akure has one of the best facilities to undertake the Computer Based Test (CBT) been proposed for the Unified Matriculation Tertiary Examination (UTME) due to start in 2015.

Professor Ojerinde said this during a sensitization programme for selected students from some secondary schools in Akure on the use of computer for the examination held at the Computer Science Laboratory of FUTA.

According to the Registrar, the board commenced the sensitization for the would-be candidates and the testing of the facilities in some of the centers to be used to ensure that they were capable of absorbing the pressure of the examination. After the examination, Professor Ojerinde felt satisfied by what he saw on ground at FUTA and commended the management of the institution.

Speaking further, Professor Ojerinde said "not all state capitals will be centres for the examination. We are only lucky to have FUTA as one of the fully equipped centres here. We also have Elizade University, Adeyemi College of Education, and Rufus Giwa Polytechnic in Ondo State as centres.

Professor Ojerinde said all security devices against hacking are in place. He said "you can only hack what you know in technology. Not many people know what we are doing, even the institution here doesn't know and we are using their servers. We do not pass our system though the servers of these institutions, we just send through their terminals.

The Registrar of the Board, Professor Dibu Ojerinde and his team was received by the management team of FUTA led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Professor Adedayo Fasakin who represented the Vice Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola.

## WASCAL BOARD COMMENDS DARAMOLA

The Board of the West African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), Graduate Research Programme (GRP), has commended the management of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA), under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola. The

commendation came during a courtesy visit on the Vice Chancellor by the Board team led by Professor Abel Afouda, Director, GRP WACS, Water Resources, Benin Republic, after the first Board meeting in Nigeria.

Professor Afouda lauded Professor Daramola and FUTA management for the giant stride they are taking in moving WASCAL forward. He said "I was impressed by what I saw here in Nigeria. I have seen pictures of the centre before, but today I am pleased to see the real buildings, staff and facilities which has impressed me. What you are doing here is for the whole of Africa and it is highly commendable. WASCAL is important to our climate in Africa and we want a continuity of the good work you are doing so as to maintain and sustain the programme".

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Daramola said the issue of climate change has become a global one that needs urgent attention, thus, WASCAL cannot afford to fail the continent. Speaking further, he promised his administration's continuous assistance to WASCAL. He said "We will ensure WASCAL continue to soar by giving our support to ensure FUTA WASCAL becomes the best in terms of quality of students, faculty and curriculum". He also commended the excellent work done by the staff of WASCAL under the leadership of the Director, Professor Jerome Omotosho.

WASCAL International Board team which comprised Professor Abel Afouda (from Republic of Benin) Professor Amadu Gaye (from Senegal) and Dr. Dominikus Henzeller (from Germany) was received by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola and the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Development, Professor Tolulope Akinbogun.

## NDDC COMMISSIONS PROJECTS IN FUTA

As part of the efforts to deliver on its mandate, the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) has commissioned solar borehole and solar powered street lights at the Federal University of Technology, Akure. At the event, the acting Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, Dr. (Mrs.) Christy Atako reiterated the commitment of NDDC to sustain its contribution to the development of institutions of higher learning in the Niger Delta region through provision of infrastructure and urged FUTA management to maintain and sustain the projects. She said the essence of the projects is to further make life more bearable for staff, students and others within FUTA community as water and light are central to human existence.

Responding on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Professor Tolulope Akinbogun appreciated the kind gesture of the Federal Government to FUTA through NDDC. He promised that the projects would be well maintained and put to good use in line with extant tradition of FUTA. He however drew the attention of the management of the commission to a hostel project initiated by the

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NDDC which had remained uncompleted. He enjoined the commission to expedite action on the project so that the University could reap its benefits.

#### FUTA LOSES DON

The death has been announced of Dr. (Mrs.) Patricia Olayinka Babatola, a Senior Lecturer in the University's Department of Mathematical Sciences whose sad event occurred on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2013 at the Federal Medical Centre, Owo at the age of 50.

A commendation service in honour of the deceased was held on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at the Theodore Francis Idibiye Auditorium of the University.

In a condolence message to the spouse of the deceased, Professor J. O. Babatola, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola said the entire FUTA community was saddened by the demise of the staff of the University who lived an exemplary life of great love for her family.

"Indeed, her demise is a great loss to the University in particular and the nation in general. However, we are comforted by the fact that her footprints on the sands of time will remain indelible and her contributions to her family and the Federal University of Technology, Akure will never be forgotten" Professor Daramola said.

#### CERAD GETS NEW BOARD

Management has reconstituted the Board of Centre for Research and Development (CERAD) with the following members:

- i. Prof. Femi Ajibola - Chairman
- ii. Prof. T. L. Akinbogun - Member
- iii. Prof. M.A.K. Smith - Member
- iv. Prof. T. I. Ofuya - Member
- v. Prof. A. S. Ogunlowo - Member
- vi. Prof. A. A. Akindahunsi - Member
- vii. Prince Tonye Princewill - Member
- viii. Mr. Wale Banmore - Member
- ix. Dr. Stanley Akele - Member
- x. Prof. L. Lajide - Member
- xi. Admin Secretary (CERAD)- Secretary
- xii. Associate Directors (CERAD) - Member

#### INSTITUTE RELEASES STAFF TO FUTA

The Executive Director/CEO of Nigerian Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research, Lagos has accepted the request of the University requesting the release of two of its staff to the University for teaching assignments in the Marine Science Technology Department. The affected staff are: Dr. E. O. Oyewo and Mr. J. P. Unyimadu.

#### UPGRADING

Management has approved the upgrading of the following academic staff:

S/N	Name	Dept.	Current Grade
1.	Dr. S. A. Adegboyega	RSGS	Lect. I
2.	Dr. F. O. Akinluyi	RSGS	Lect. I
3.	Engr. (Mrs.) O. M. Ojo	CVE	Lect. II
4.	Mr. O. C. Alaba	MEE	Lect. II

#### SABBATICAL LEAVE

Management has given approval to Dr. Babatope Omolofe of the Department of Mathematical Sciences to proceed on Sabbatical Leave to Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2013.

Meanwhile, approval has also been given to Dr. G. Oboh of the Department of Biochemistry to defer his sabbatical leave to a more auspicious time.

#### ASSUMPTION OF DUTY

Professor S. Malomo of the Department of Applied Geology has been given approval to assume duty and conversion from adjunct status to full time Professor. The effective date is 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.

#### TFK DEDICATES BOOK

Mr. Titilayo Femi Kings, a staff in the Students' Affairs Division of the University recently dedicated a book on parenting.

The book, titled **Parental Breakthrough** discusses the challenges of parental fulfillment and overcoming to have parental breakthrough in view of raising Godly children that would eventually build a great nation.

The dedication took place on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2013 at AGAPE Christian Ministries, Possibility Ground, 1, Agape Avenue, Ilesha Road.

#### ADDITION OF NAME

Mr. O. O. Adebunsi of the Security Unit has notified members of the University Community of the addition of **OLAYISADE** to his family name henceforth. Members of the University community are to take note.

#### UNIVERSITY'S BROACH, CUFFLINKS ON SALE

The University's (FUTA) customized broach and cufflinks are available for sale in the Information, Protocol and Passages Unit of the Vice-Chancellor's Office.

The items are quite beautiful and will interest members of the University Community.

Members of the University Community, both staff and students are encouraged to visit the above mentioned office to buy their copies at the following prizes:

- Broach/Pin Badge	-	N500.00
- Cufflinks	-	N5,000.00

Please, hurry up and pick yours as only a few are available

#### UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

Great Futarians. Eh!  
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Ever leading, ever winning, ever peaceful,  
Advancing the cause of Technology  
FUTA ... land of ancient landmarks  
FUTA ... for national progress  
Academic excellence is your tradition  
Technology for self-reliance.

Self-Reliance. Yes!  
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Promoting love, unity, not cultism  
Championing the cause of Technology  
FUTA ... the shining example  
FUTA ... the pride of Nigeria  
With God's blessings on our side, we shall go places  
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