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I will Sustain FUTA's Tradition of Excellence – New Pro Chancellor

The tradition of excellence which the Federal University of Technology, Akure is known for came to the fore when the new Pro Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Dr. Mohammed Shata visited the institution for his maiden tour of duty. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Professor Adedayo Fasakin led the management of the institution and members of the Council to receive Dr. Shata who said his priority will be the sustenance of the tradition of excellence which the institution is noted for.

Professor Fasakin in a presentation entitled, "From Obscurity to Prominence" listed the University's achievements which included laurels won by staff and students in local and international competitions and giant strides in its area of core competence.

He also mentioned local and international collaborations the University is into which are yielding positive dividends.

According to Fasakin, FUTA is noted for excellence as the best University of Technology in Nigeria. "Our University is not just the best University of Technology in terms of scope, but also in terms of achievements. FUTA houses World Bank's Centre for Excellence in Food Security. Our students have won

laurels locally and internationally because they are in sync with our tradition of excellence. Our staffs are not left out too. Indeed, another name for our Institution is Excellence "Fasakin said. Speaking on the personality of the new Pro Chancellor, Professor Fasakin said "when we received the news of your appointment as our new Pro Chancellor we were elated because we know you are a round peg in a round hole. Your achievements as a former Minister of our great nation and your humble disposition, integrity and knowledge confirmed to us that under your watch, FUTA will go places." In his response, Dr. Shata praised the effort of management, staff and students in sustaining the University's tradition of excellence. "I have always associated with excellence and glad to be associated with FUTA as an excellent University. Your presentation showing your achievements gladdened my heart and I promise to do my best to improve on this. Regarding infrastructure, I shall make effort to connect FUTA appropriately to get the necessary attention to attract development." The Pro- Chancellor, a Doctor of veterinary medicine said.

Speaking further, Dr. Shata sought the cooperation of internal council members, management, staff, students and unions to move the institution forward. "We shall continue to work together. I depend on you all to move this University forward. With my interaction with all of you, I know we shall have a smooth sail that will further improve on our achievements and retain our excellence. FUTA is associated with excellence and the tradition will not die under my watch. Let us be on the same page all the time as this will help us greatly", he added.

To the University Council, Dr. Shata said. "I want council members, especially internal members to be frank, honest and unbiased so that we can make progress together.

On staff welfare, Dr. Shata allayed the fears of union members and promised better welfare. He further said "We shall make sure recreation centres are established and the welfare of staff and students shall be my priority." He, however, enjoined the different Unions and Students to sustain the peace the University is enjoying. "You all have roles to play to avoid strikes and unnecessary demonstrations. I appeal to all of you to ensure strike actions are avoided. I particularly plead with ASUU to try to make the last strike the very last one in our Universities. The Federal Government has done its part, so let us also reciprocate the good gesture by ensuring a peaceful atmosphere. It is only when we have peace that we can progress. The future of our young ones is in our hands, so let us handle it with care. I welcome good suggestions from all of you to the council. Give us such suggestion you know can move this University forward because we are here to help one another".

The newly appointed Pro chancellor replaced Mahmood Yahaya (SAN) who died late last year.