MAKE THE SKY YOUR STARTING POINT – FUWAPE

Graduating students of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA, Staff Secondary School have been charged to make the sky starting point of their lives and not the limit. Dean, School of Sciences, FUTA, Prof. (Mrs.) I. A. Fuwape gave this charge while delivering her speech at the send forth and prize giving ceremony recently held at the school premises. Professor (Mrs.) Fuwape urged the graduating students to dream beyond where they are now. She said, "Although, you may say the days of wearing uniform are over, please do not forget all the training you have received. I charge you to be a catalyst and change agents because until you step out, you will never stand out."

Addressing them on the need to be determined, the Don said education is not just about rewards and results but about developing a person who can impact the world. To this end, she called on them to measure their success in life by the level of their impact on the society and not by material acquisition or wealth that has taken over the society today. Speaking further, she urged them to allow God to guide them in taking decisions in life. She also reminded them not to forget the school that nurtured them when they make it in life.

Earlier, in his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebíyì Daramola, represented by the University Librarian, Dr. F. Z. Oguntuase called on all, including the graduating students to join hands to transform the school to an international one.

Congratulating the Management, Staff and Students of the school, Prof. Daramola commended the quality of students of the school. He said, "I wish to state categorically that the school has not disappointed the University. In fact, more than 50% of our best undergraduates are products of this Staff Secondary School".

In separate addresses, both the Chairman, FUTA Staff Secondary School, Management Board, Professor O. A. Fagbenro and School Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) M. O. Fasakin showered encomium on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daramola who was the immediate past Chairman of the school for his love for the school while serving as Chairman and even now that he is the Vice-Chancellor. According to Dr. (Mrs.) Fasakin, "during the tenure of our energetic, purposive Professor Daramola as Chairman of the Board, a new FUTA Staff Secondary school was created". Both Prof. Fagbenro and Dr. (Mrs.) Fasakin also prayed for the graduating students and warned them against social vices in the society. They said "there are lots of ills in the society. When you are confronted with temptations, do not fall".

In his address, the outgoing Senior Prefect of the School, Arum Ronald said "With the quality of management, teachers and facilities on ground today in this school, I can confidently assert that the school is fast approaching its dream of becoming an international school. This is evident in the liaison between the school and Bolton University, London to provide scholarship for
students who obtain five A1s at the West African Senior Secondary Certificate Examination”. He also commended the effort of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daramola, the School management team and the staff of the school for imparting knowledge in them to impact their future.

To add glamour to the event, a display of cultural dance and choreography was enacted by students of the school to the admiration of guests.