



## **NAPSSON HONOURS OUTSTANDING RETIRED MEMBERS**

The National Association of Professional Secretarial Staff of Nigeria (NAPSSON), FUTA Branch, has honoured its retired members for their support in the out gone year.

Speaking at a get together organized by the Association, the President, Mrs. Victoria Adamolekun appreciated the University Management for its tireless contributions and support towards the continued existence of the Association.

She explained that when a person has done well, he/she deserves a pat on the back, hence, the celebration of the Association's outstanding members.

She thanked both members of the Association and staff of the University for their cooperation throughout the year

Earlier, the then Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Balogun, while speaking, gave thanks to God for the blessing of a new year and urged members to improve themselves through Seminars and Conferences.

Professor Balogun, who was represented by the Registrar, Dr. (Mrs) Modupe Ajayi described the ceremony as special, adding that the occasion was to motivate outstanding members of the Association and encourage others to work hard. He assured that there will always be reward for hard work.

## **FUTA EMERGES ONE OF THE BEST VARSITIES IN NIGERIA, AFRICA**

The Federal University of Technology, Akure has emerged one of the best Universities in Nigeria and Africa, according to Scimago Instititons Rankings (SIR) World Report, 2011.

The University is ranked eight (8<sup>th</sup>), only behind the first generation Universities in Nigeria and 49<sup>th</sup> in Africa.

According to the report, the University's scientific impact, thematic specialization and its output size and international collaboration networks had placed it in contention with the world best Universities.

The report shows that FUTA has published over 100 scientific documents such as articles, reviews, short reviews, letters and conference papers within the period reviewed for the ranking.

The ranking indicated that the University is one of the 3,042 world Institutions that together are responsible for more than 80 per cent of worldwide scientific output since 2005.

The report characterizes research outcomes of organizations so as to provide useful scientometric information to Institutions, policy makers and research managers to allow them analyze, evaluate and improve their research results.

It would be noted that only 62 Universities, including research Institutes were ranked in Africa in this latest exercise. In July, 2011, the Federal University of Technology, Akure ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in Nigeria while it is now number 8, which is an improvement over the July, 2011 ranking.

In a related development, the University has gotten full accreditation for all its academic programmes in the recently concluded Institutional Accreditation exercise carried out by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

It is also heart warming to mention that the University emerged first (1<sup>st</sup>) in the Imperial Barrel Award (IBA) International Competition in Petroleum and Geo-Sciences training organized by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) in the United States of America.

#### **STAFF SCHOOL HEAD TEACHER HAILS FUTA MANAGEMENT OVER NEW P.T.A. BUILDING**

The Head Teacher of the Staff School, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Mrs. Angelina Babarinsa, has lauded the Management of the University for the newly erected P.T.A. building in the school.

Mrs. Babarinsa, who at the Project Commissioning, appreciated the efforts of the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun and the University Management towards the provision of the edifice appealed to Management to release one of the University shuttle buses to offset the problem of transportation facing the school.

The Chairman, Parent Teacher Association, Prof. Kunle Amoo, thanked the University Management for releasing funds for the completion of the building.

The out-gone Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun lauded the gesture of the P.T.A. for donating the building which he described as an addition to the creation of opportunities for the school to compete with the revolving national and international educational standards, especially the on-going Mega School being constructed by the Ondo State Government.

The P.T.A. building contains 6 Classrooms, 1 office, 3 stores, 5 toilets and a sick bay.

## **FUTA EX-VC LAUNCHES BOOK**

The immediate past Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Adebisi Balogun has made public presentation of a book titled “Sharing the vision, Chronicles of Thoughts and Ideals” which his written by him.

The Book, which was formerly presented by Dr. Adebayo Aborisade portrays the academic prowess of the Don. It articulates his contributions to knowledge in all spheres.

The Ondo State Governor, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko who was represented at the launch by his Chief of Staff, Dr. Kola Ademujimi commended the efforts of Professor Balogun at the launch sharing the state’s vision. He noted that the former Vice-Chancellor’s pursuit of the vision had been with high level of zeal and resourcefulness.

He described him as a worthy leader and a force to reckon with any time. He further praised the effort of Management in making FUTA stand out amongst the One hundred and eighteen (118) Universities in the country.

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In his remarks, Professor Balogun thoughtfully articulated his vision of becoming a world class scientist. He appreciated his family and friends, as well as the presence of studying scholars, Journalists, activists, Community leaders, volunteers, politicians, artisans and all who had stood by him over the years.

He then attributed his success to God, who he said had influenced him right from the time he was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development).

He appealed to all Staff and Students to put God first in all their endeavors and he reminded them to continue to invest in the University to move it forward.

## **BALOGUN GIVES THANKS TO GOD**

The former Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Profesor Adebisi Balogun has expressed gratitude to God for giving him the grace to complete his tenure in good health and amidst joy.

He said this at the Spring of life Bible Church, Ijapo during his thanksgiving service.

Reverend Isaac Omelehin, who spoke on the topic “Giving Thanks To God All The Time”, called on members of Staff to follow the example of the Don who he noted, ascribed all his achievements to God and admonished them to give thanks to God always.

Omolehin, advised members of the University Management and the former Vice-Chancellor to continue giving thanks to God the same way they had started, reminding them that they should not put their trust in human beings as they could fail unannounced.

Balogun, who recalled his experience as Vice-Chancellor appreciated members of the University community for their support between 2007 and early 2012 when his tenure spanned.

He enjoined members of staff to extend the support given to his administration to his successor and his/her team.

Speaking during the Goodwill message, the fourth substantive Vice-Chancellor and predecessor of Professor Balogun, Professor Peter Adeniyi commended Prof. Balogun for maintaining peace and tranquility in the University and for counting it worthy to set a day aside to thank the Almighty God for His grace and special favour on the University Community.