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UNITED STATE'S BASED NIGERIAN DON JOINS FUTA FACULTY

The collaboration between the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) and the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), Tallahassee, United States of America has further been concretized with the arrival of Professor Oghenekome Onokpise, a distinguished Researcher. Professor Onokpise is in FUTA on a six months sabbatical leave in the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Forestry and Wood Technology, Department. At a brief ceremony to formally welcome the don to FUTA, he expressed delight seeing the fruits of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two Schools blossoming. He said the MoU signed by FAMU with FUTA remains the most active. According to him, presently there are about 25 students on an exchange programme in FAMU which is the highest when compared with number of students from other Schools. He said during his stay he will work on using DNA to save mahogany species.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola, said the visit underscored the progress being made in the actualization of the collaboration, adding that Onokpise's visit is a continuation of the established relationship. The Vice-Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Tunde Arayela, said the fact that the MoU is active shows commitment on the side of both universities. He reiterated the aim of the MoU which is to develop academic and research cooperative efforts between the two Institutions with staff and students enjoying opportunities to enhance teaching, research and learning activities.

Speaking further, he noted that Mr. Amodu Lawal, a lecturer from the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology is also in FAMU for an exchange programme, he said “we must improve on the existing relationship and credit given to both Institutions for sustaining the collaboration so far”. Earlier, Director, International Office, Professor Afolabi Akindahunsi, said the issue of International relations is the core of FUTA’s development strategy, as it is a way of selling FUTA to the whole world. Onokpise is coming on the heels of Reen Gordon also from FAMU who spent six months in FUTA as part of the collaborations between both institutions.