Leaders of the Students Union of the Federal University of Technology, Akure FUTA have commended the management of the Institution for its effort in building future leaders for the nation and for prompt response to the needs of the students. President of the Students’ Union, Ashola Oluwaseun, made this remark when he led the leadership of the union on a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebiyi Daramola. Ashola said “The Executive and Legislative arms of the Students’ Union of this great University have come to show our appreciation to our Vice-Chancellor, who has been a father and good listener to our plight. We thank you for developing the University. FUTA is the best structurally and morally with dedicated and committed staff and students. When we meet with our colleagues from other institutions, they accord us a lot of respect because they know we are from a University with high moral and academic standards. Testimonies abound about good performance from products of FUTA and we attribute this to good leadership. If the head is rotten, the whole body will be affected. We thank God we have good heads leading us. We also specially appreciate the leadership qualities of the Dean of Students Affairs, Dr. Kayode Alese, for his fatherly counsel all the time.”

Ashola further thanked management for exposing them to the rudiments of leadership through the recent trip to South Africa in addition to local training programmes which have equipped them to effectively serve members of their constituency. Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daramola described the generality of the students as very brilliant and very well behaved. He said, “The good reputation FUTA has outside is built by generations before you and you need to build upon it. That many foreign and Nigerian organizations speak well of our products does not mean we should relent. Let us strive to improve on our existing reputation to better it. Do not tarnish the reputation built over the years, strive to better it. To build a good brand like ours takes a lot of sacrifice. Once you have a good brand, hold tight to it. The reputation FUTA goes beyond this place. We strive to train future leaders here in
character and learning. Therefore try to cultivate the attitude of discipline and high morals so as to remain relevant in the future. Be good ambassadors of your parents, FUTA and Nigeria anywhere you find yourself”.

Daramola promised management’s continuous support to genuine students’ activities needs. He also assured them of open door policy. He said “Let’s always jaw jaw and not war war. Avoid unnecessary demonstration that can elongate your stay in school. Also work hard so that you can be a part of the collaboration we have with international institutions like the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in the United States. Our relationship with that institution and another one in Germany keep improving every year. You can be a part of it if you work hard”. Dean, Students’ Affairs, Dr. Kayode Alese commended Professor Daramola for always willing to assist the students. “The Vice-Chancellor is passionate about students’ welfare and this he demonstrates by attending to issues relating to them promptly. Therefore try to justify his love for you by behaving well,” he added.