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Intel Begins Galileo Board Training Workshop in FUTA

Intel Corporation, a leading global organization in Information and Communications Technology, ICT, has begun a two-week training workshop at the Federal University of Technology, Akure. The training, a fall out of Intel's Choice of FUTA as the hub for training for its new Galileo Board technology, is to give ICT experts from selected Nigerian Universities the requisite capacity to operate the new system. It is also to enhance their capacity in using ICT facilities to tackle some of the challenges facing the nation. These challenges include cybercrime, poverty, security, and issues related to health and Agriculture. Declaring the workshop open on Monday November 10, 2014, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola commended Intel's choice of FUTA and said it is not misplaced. Daramola said "The choice of FUTA by Intel Corporation cannot in anyway be faulted as far as merit and standard are concerned. This is recognition by the international community by making the University the only hub and contact centre for its training in Nigeria. What is more interesting to note is the fact that there are a total of 129 Universities in Nigeria and it based on merit, FUTA was chosen out of this lot, then this is a great feat and outstanding achievement'.

Daramola further reiterated the University's unrelenting effort in local and foreign collaborations, which are yielding dividends and enhancing the image of the institution. He said the collaboration FUTA has with the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, (FAMU) which has been extended to German and South African Universities are boosting the local and international rating of the institution. He commended the donation of 40 Galileo Board to the University by Intel and said the partnership between FUTA and Intel will further contribute to the realization of his administration vision of taking FUTA to the Market place and creating a hub of academic excellence in ICT. Daramola also commended the effort of the Chairman, Committee on Intel Galileo Board Training Workshop, Dr. Kayode Aleso and

his members for their effort in making the workshop a reality. He also recognized the achievements of FUTA students in ICT related competitions, locally and internationally.

In a brief welcome address, Dr. Kayode Alese appreciated Intel's Choice of FUTA and said "I know this workshop will help our nation to right some wrongs. The aim is to train people on how to use ICT to solve some challenges in human endeavours." Intel team leader, Tayo Akanni said "We saw potentials in what Nigerian Universities can offer and FUTA is the ideal place to start. He promised continued support for the programme to help discover and improve on the potentials of the Nigerian youth and experts in ICT. Lending his voice, Intel Country representative Akinola Babatunde said, "I am impressed with what I saw. It is the beginning of a great relationship between Intel and FUTA. I pray for its success and sustainability. The US Intel team led by Tayo Akanni includes Stewart Christie, Beenish Zia, Wolf Witt and Rawan Hegde will train selected participants at the Digital Resource Centre, FUTA for two weeks.