



# FUTA NEWS

## **CARVE A NICHE FOR YOURSELF---- FUTA VC URGES STUDENTS**

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Adebisi Daramola has admonished students of the Institution to acquire extra skills in addition to their degrees in order to have a unique selling point. In a chat with Students Union officials led by the Public Relations Officer, Mr. Idowu Olalekan Ayodeji, Professor Daramola said having a distinctive expertise like foreign language, software skills or higher degree in an uncommon course will give the students added advantage above their colleagues in the labour market and make them favourite of prospective employers.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that FUTA students were well behaved internally and externally due to the efforts of management in exposing the leadership as well as the generality of the students to global best practices and requisite training programmes. Speaking on the current state of the education sector in the country, Daramola stated that ICT has made learning broader and students have unlimited access to diverse information and opportunities to broaden their horizon. The Vice-Chancellor was impressed with the performance of FUTA students locally and internationally. He said feedback from other institutions of learning and employers show that FUTA students have constantly proven their mettle in all their undertakings.

While commenting on his performance as Vice-Chancellor, Daramola was optimistic that before the end of his tenure FUTA will rank as one of the first five Universities in Nigeria. He said “The process of building a world class institution is a long process but FUTA is steadfastly becoming a first class University globally. His words: “We have overtaken some of the old generation Universities, but we can still do better.” He said students have a major role to play in the Institution’s journey to greatness by participating in and winning top rated competitions nationally and globally.

The Vice-Chancellor made his stand clear on unionism by insisting that dialogue is the only way forward. According to him, strikes by students’ cause set back and destroy the system. “The University is a civilized

place where ideas can be cross fertilized to achieve the best” he said. He urged the students’ leaders to apply common sense to students’ unionism and curtail militancy among their members while resisting the temptation to be goaded into doing evil. Speaking on his position as the Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), Daramola noted that it was a position of responsibility and expressed confidence that he would surmount all the challenges it entailed by the grace of God. The Students Union team led by the PRO Mr. Idowu Olalekan Ayodeji included Mr. Tesleem Okunlola, and Miss Oyewunmi Balogun,