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FUTA NIM INAUGURATES STUDENTS SCHEME

The Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), a Chartered Institute and Trans-Sectorial Professional body, has launched its Students Scheme at the Federal University of Technology, Akure. Speaking at the event, the Chairman of FUTA NIM, Barrister Adeboye Olatunji said the aim of running a Students' Scheme is to catch them young to make them future managers. According to him, investing managerial ability in the young ones is today's business secret. Olatunji said, "Our aim is to inculcate best management practices in the youth Starting with those in the tertiary institutions who can understand and assimilate professionalism in management ". According to him, the scheme gives students the opportunity of professional membership which in several tertiary educational institutions in Nigeria is pre-requisite to the completion of the students' academic work.

The modus operandi of the scheme is to give students in some Universities and Polytechnic/College of technology at the 300 level and above the opportunity to register to undertake tuition and write examination leading to Graduate membership and the Proficiency Certificate in Management. The examination is in two diets – May/June and November/December of each year and the student's application free is N500.

Addressing the students, Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Mr. Ayorinde Ogunraku who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola said, "Things will get better in our country if young people are encouraged to know and understand what management is all about. It is not enough to know the theory as you are being taught in class, but to know the practical. I believe membership of this institution will further expose you to the nitty-gritty of management. Our nation has witnessed poverty of management ability in the last few years. This is evident in the way we do things in our country. However, hope is not totally lost if you can get it right at this level".

Mr. Ogunraku, a member of the Institute himself encouraged students and even adults to imbibe good management skills that will further place Nigeria better in the comity of nations. Dean, School of Management Technology, (SMAT) Professor Enobong Okoko said SMAT represents the Alpha and Omega of management because all departments in SMAT are associated with one Professional body or the other. He admonished staff and students of FUTA to identify with Professional bodies for future development.

He also pleaded with NIM to induct students in SMAT automatically into the institute. "Our curricula are tailored towards management. So upon graduation, I plead that you automatically induct our products into NIM without any further examination" he said.

Former Dean of SMAT and Director, Industrial Training Unit, FUTA, Professor Zacheaus Opafunso also commended the inauguration of the student scheme. Opafunso said "This is a landmark occasion in the history of SMAT. It falls within the vision of the Vice-Chancellor to take FUTA to the market place. This scheme will no doubt take our students through the rudiments of management. It is an ample opportunity for our students to advance in their career for future development."

Mr. J.O. Komolafe, Deputy Director, Students Scheme, NIM while giving a lecture urged the students to show positive attitude towards the programme because the success or failure of the scheme depends largely on their attitude. He, however, emphasized the importance of the scheme to their future. "If you take this scheme seriously, you will have better opportunities in future". He concluded.