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POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH CRUCIAL TO ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

For the academic world to attain the expected development, further attention must be paid to Postgraduate Research in our Universities. The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Adebisi Daramola made this known while declaring open a one-day retreat organized for officers of University's Postgraduate Programme held at the Film Theatre, Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, recently. Daramola who hinged the development of the society on the output of research effort by citadels of learning called on his colleague in the knowledge-imparting business to "Carve a niche for themselves in the knowledge industry".

According to him FUTA's ranking and image will further improve globally if she increases her Postgraduate intake. He said to achieve this, the Institution has further intensified its effort in collaborating with globally ranked Universities to increase staff and students exchange programmes and achieve global best practice in the education sector.

Daramola said "For us to become an international University we need to reposition by reviewing our curriculum in tandem with current realities, increase our intake of Postgraduate students, improve in our research efforts and relate well with our students as mentor/mentee and as father/son. This is important because today's student is tomorrow's professor. Whatever impression we give them will always last".

Corroborating Daramola, Vice-chancellor, ELIZADE University, Professor Kunle Oloyede who

has handled Postgraduate Studies for over fifteen years in Australia said Research at the Postgraduate level is germane to quality University education.

According to him a University which knows its onions must always strive to attract quality Postgraduate students who will be research oriented to move the University forward. To achieve quality research through Postgraduate programmes, Oloyede listed the following as ingredients: Well-equipped laboratory, scholarship, quality staff profile and integrity. He also called on FUTA and other Universities around Ondo state to make the state a Centre of Knowledge and Excellence. “Academic is a game of fame and not money making. The fame comes from what you can contribute intellectually and this is possible through quality research” he concluded.

Earlier in a welcome address, Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Oludare Ajewole said the School is being overhauled to meet global best practices. He said the School has introduced Annual Progress Report to enable it monitor students’ progress at every stage. This report, according to him is capable of assisting the School to ensure that no student spends more than the required number of time on the programme. Ajewole further said that the School is making frantic effort to ensure that the Vision of the Vice-Chancellor’s administration is achieved. He said the School is building on its strength and overcoming its weaknesses.

He appreciated management’s interest and investment in the progress of the School and promised to take the School to lofty heights during his tenure as Dean.

The retreat exposed participants to issues like, Administration of Postgraduates programmes in FUTA, Interacting with SPGS online platform, Rules and Regulations guiding Postgraduate administration, amongst others.