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Poor record management impedes development – Daramola

It has been observed that proper record management is crucial to the development of organisations. This observation was made by the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Adebisi Daramola at the opening of a 3-day training workshop on Records Management for Effective Decision Making by Organisations.

Daramola represented by his Deputy Vice Chancellor ,Academic, Professor Adedayo Fasakin said “ In government ministries, agencies, institutions and private organization, creation, management and disposition of records have become matters of concern, as poor records management has negatively affected decision making as valuable and vital records are either been lost or misplaced by their custodians. Hence the need for effective records management.”

Stressing the importance of records management, the don said unless records are managed efficiently and effectively, it may be impossible to conduct business and account for what has happened in the past or make decisions about the future. This is because record and records keeping are corporate assets required to provide evidence of actions in organisations.

Daramola further said in Universities records keeping support accountability, transparency, decision making and protects the interests of staff, students and other stakeholders.

Daramola also urged stakeholders in Universities to inculcate new ideas that will enhance their skills in records management for optimum performance.

Speaking earlier, the University Librarian, Dr. Femi Oguntuase emphasized the importance of records keeping. According to him, records keeping and management are essential parts of a complete organization and crucial to the survival of any organization.

On the positive effect of technology on records keeping Oguntuase said “Records management has been affected by the digital technology and the products of this have forced the players to train and upscale

their skills in modern information management techniques.” Oguntuase also appreciated the University management under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Daramola for the ongoing extension of the University library which will further equip the library with electronic and online resources for e-library and make the University library top of the range.

Topics ranging from Record Creation and Control in Organization to Principles of Record Appraisal and Inventory in Organization, Classification and Filing of Records in Organization; Records Retention and Disposition Scheduling in Organization; Budgeting for Effective Records Management in Organization and Preservation and Conservation of Records in Organisation were taught by seasoned records managers .