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SIWES CRUCIAL TO OUR OPERATIONS - DARAMOLA

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Professor Adebisi Daramola has reiterated the importance of the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) to the operation of the University system.

Professor Daramola stated this while receiving a team from the Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Akure Area Office who paid him a courtesy call during the preparation for the 2014 SIWES orientation programme.

Professor Daramola also stated that the purpose of the scheme is to instill skills into students that will be beneficial to them and shape their future. He thus called on students participating in the scheme to do everything they can to benefit from the scheme. "The essence of SIWES is to expose you to the rudiments of industries operations. We give you the theory in the classroom while the industries give exposure. It is a skill training programme designed to expose you to machine and equipment that are usually not available in your institutions." Daramola added.

Daramola also appealed to officials of the Industrial Training Fund, managers of the programme to regularly pay the allowance due to the students during the period of the programme. He lamented the situation whereby students will complete their training and wait endlessly for their allowance.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Professor Adedayo Fasakin also appealed to industries to avoid rejecting students posted to them. He described the situation whereby students spend two months or more looking for placement as unpleasant.

In a brief remark, the Director, Industrial Training Unit, FUTA, Professor Zacheaus Opafunso said "We are not always

satisfied at FUTA with internal training of students until we send them out to industries for practical experience. This practice which is crucial to our students helps to inculcate in them what it takes to become good leaders and managers of resources". Professor Opafunso warned students taking part in the scheme against truancy and also commended the attention the Industrial Training Unit, FUTA has received from the University Management.

On the performance of FUTA students in the scheme, Daramola, Fasakin and Opafunso confirmed the positive reports got from employers of labour. Opafunso said "Reports from employers of labour about FUTA students' performance in the past years have been excellent. Site supervisors have rated FUTA students high in terms of their commitment, dedication, discipline and outstanding performance in the practical training in various industries".

In his response, the Assistant Director/Head of Inspectorate and Revenue Compliant, ITF, Ondo State, Mr. Ayelabowo C.O. commended the effort of both Professors Daramola and Opafunso for taking FUTA Industrial Training Unit to a higher height and promised to look into the issues raised. Ayelabowo also confirmed the outstanding performance of FUTA students in the scheme, justifying the investment of the University management and staff.

He also promised to sustain the cordial working relationship between FUTA and ITF.

The ITF team was led by Mr. Ayelabowo and included Mr. Anifowose O.I., Mr. Adewole – Kings K.V, Mrs. Dipo-Ojo A.O., Mr. Liloko O.M and Mr. Odukaye A.A.