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FUTA FAMU CLASS OF 2018 DEPARTS FOR AMERICA

The collaboration between the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA and the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) Tallahassee, United States of America which started in 2013 has further been concretized with the Departure of the 6th set of students for the continuation of their studies in America. The seven students are Bello Emmanuel Kolawole (Industrial Design Department), Farukanmi Iyanu Deborah (Food Science Technology), Olabiran Boluwatife Samuel (Mechanical Engineering), Babatunde Samuel Abiodun (Building Department), Okunmadewa Adedamola Oluwaseyifunmi (Architecture), Akinrinde Oluwaseyi Oreoluwa (Architecture) and Kola-Adelakin Oluwanbo Samuel (Architecture).

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape at the pre-departure send forth and presentation of Travelling documents event organized for the students said FUTA has recorded a landmark success in its collaboration with FAMU. He enjoined members of the Class of 2018 to consolidate on the achievements of their predecessors. He urged them to be good ambassadors of FUTA, their parents and Nigeria as a whole, adding that they should ensure they combine hard work with character, and be focused to come out with good grades as this will set a solid foundation for their careers. "You are not just

the representatives of FUTA but also of Nigeria. Ensure that you combine good character with excellent learning as this is the hall mark of success" he added.

Professor Fuwape said those who had gone before them had performed creditably well in character and learning. "I am happy with the success recorded so far with this programme. Already 42 students have participated in the FUTA/ FAMU collaboration, and one of them is through with his PhD, and already working with Intel in USA. Others are also making steady progress in different areas of endeavours" Professor Fuwape said. The Vice-Chancellor who was at the graduation of the batch 5 of the FAMU students in the United States of America recently said the President of the University was happy with the success recorded with its collaboration with FUTA.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Director, International Strategy Office, Professor Tom Ofuya said the FUTA/FAMU programme termed 4-1-1 is designed for qualified final year students to complete their first degree at FAMU and later go for their postgraduate in same school. After completing their final year Undergraduate Programme in FAMU they will earn a FUTA Bachelor's Degree and go on to complete a one year Postgraduate Program to earn a FAMU Master's degree. He said the programme will make the students to be more technically and academically sound, therefore the students should be focused. "FUTA is doing this to make you useful to FUTA, yourself, Nigeria and the whole world, therefore you cannot afford to waste this opportunity," Professor Ofuya said.



Responding on behalf of her colleagues, Farukanmi Iyanu, thanked the Management of FUTA for the

opportunity given to them and pledged on behalf of other students that they would make their parents, the University and the country proud through good behavior and academic excellence.

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FUTA WINS GOLD AT CREATIVE ARCHITECTS EVENT ...designs homes with shipping containers

Team Olympus, comprising three final year Architecture Students of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA has emerged winner of a competition tagged Creative Architects for 2018. For the 2018 event, over 106 registrations were made for the competition and only 26 of those that registered came up with designs that were vetted by the panel. Entries came from University of Lagos [UNILAG], Federal University of Technology, Akure [FUTA], Obafemi Awolowo University [OAU] Ile Ife, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye [OOU], Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria [ABU], amongst others. However, Team Olympus, (FUTA) comprising Awopetu Akindapomola Philip (Team Leader), Omotoriogun Olumide and Holyvine Olukitibi – emerged the winner of the competition, winning the grand prize of ₦240,000 with a bonus of ₦60,000 from Ade Shokunbi (founder of Patrick Waheed Design Consultancy a.k.a PWDC).

Team Olympus came up with an innovative and affordable housing development scheme that involved using shipping containers (which will later be transformed into homes). The design focused on providing affordable housing for the low, middle and high-level income earners in Akure, Ondo State, with the low level income earners as the target clients. The end product of the design brought about a rent price of less than ₦200 per day (approximately ₦5,000 per month) for a One Bedroom Ensuite Prototype structure. The competition spread over a month of intense planning and team work from June 28th 2018 till July 31st 2018. An online submission was made on the 31st of July, and on the 3rd of August Team Olympus got an email congratulating the team for reaching the final selections.

Coming in second place was Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU) having a grand total of ₦150,000 and in third place was Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria [ABU] winning a total of ₦90,000. The Competition was the 7th edition of the Creative Architects event and Team Olympus got to know about it via the internet (Social Media Posts and Broadcasts)

The competition was not taken as just a regular competition, but rather, the team took an entrepreneurial approach into it and research was made into the possibility of truly providing homes that can have rent costs lower than N200 per day which will be able to shelter even the lowest of income earners in Akure. There are plans by Team Olympus to develop this dream design into reality as the team has been contacted by individuals as well as

private organizations that are willing to see the design come to life and help tackle the issues of housing in Nigeria.

The trip to Lagos State would not have been possible without Akindeko Ayomide (Architecture 500L) who handled and secured accommodation throughout the Team's stay in Lagos State for 2 days.

The assessment was done by a panel of Jurist consisting seasoned Architects and practicing professionals all over Nigeria. The Panel membership led by Faustin Moukala include Hassan Anifowose; Olumide Ayodele and Tofarati Gbadamosi

The Creative Architects is an annual event organized by Chronos Studeos, a complete creative team of architects and 3D visualizers with custom-designed building and presentations located in Lekki Phase 1, Lagos, Nigeria. The event also brings about an annual competition that is open to graduate Architects in Nigeria (with not more than 4-years post BSc/Btech/Mtech/Msc University, Education/Work Experience); Interior Designers, Landscaping and other design professionals, and must team up with at least 1 Architect; and Architecture Students in selected Nigerian Tertiary Institutions (students in all levels (OND/HND/Undergraduates and Postgraduate/Masters).

In a chat, Awopetu Akindapomola Philip said the aim of the competition was to design innovative home prototypes for a desired region, preferably immediate environment to the designer. The most important feature of the exercise however were the questions which the designer(s) were able to answer by 'Design Thinking' which can be, but are not limited to – Who are the building owners/recipients? What are their lifestyles? What is their earning power? What building types do they need? How would they want to live? How much will the buildings/apartments cost? What construction materials will optimize construction costs? What payment plans should be made available?

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape has congratulated the trio describing members of Team Olympus as worthy ambassadors of the University in whom the institution is well pleased.

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION: KEY TO TECHNOPRENEURSHIP Adamawa SSG

For Nigeria to make its marks in building Technopreneurs, particularly among students of a 21st Century University of Technology for sustainable development, there must be interplay between Science, Technology and Innovation. This was the submission of the Secretary to the Adamawa State Government, Engineer (Dr.) Umar Bindir while delivering the 2018 Foundation Day Lecture at the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) on Wednesday, 15th August, 2018. He titled his lecture Techopreneurship: Global Perspectives for a 21st Century University of Technology for Sustainable Development.



Bindir described Nigeria as a traditionally entrepreneurial nation with huge human and natural resources but with high poverty which he attributed to dominance of weak primitive rural life resulting in weak infrastructures (physical, social), weak local industries, high level

of corruption, including insecurity and emerging challenges of environment and maturing democracies. He attributed the causes to few or no global products, no global companies, few or no global know-how, skills and capability services and global technologies, all indicating to serious weakness.

However, he said there is still light at the end of the tunnel, if all the Universities of Technology in the country make Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) their mantra and also practiced it effectively. He said the efforts made so far by the various Universities of Technology (UNITECHS) have been marred by problems highlighted earlier. He said chance of attaining an appreciable level of Technopreneurship depends on the vibrant connectivity and efficiency of 21st Century knowledge system.

Engineer Bindir said to actualize this feat, if recommendations such as recognizing environmental capital as sun, climate, rivers, seeds, insects, foods, are organized to produce, process, commercialize effectively and also investigate, discover, develop, incorporate and integrate innovative technologies towards improving productivity are followed, a breakthrough in the industrialization will eventually be realized.

He also advocated for proper management of finance to start and complete projects.

Dr. Bindir said to demonstrate the 21st Century University drives for STI for sustainable development, collation and promotion of STI outputs regularly through Institutional exhibitions and Tech marts at zonal, national, regional and international levels are crucial.

Giving a historical perspective of the development Europe and North America have attained, he said “once upon a time, not so many centuries ago, Europe was a poor continent. Then it discovered three things: attributes of the free market, respect and application of the rule of law and the use of Science-based technology. It became rich. The same thing happened in North America”. He said the same is attainable in the so called developing nations, especially African countries.

Engineer Bindir said to become a technopreneur one has to focus and develop Key Performance Indicators (KPI) to attain global technology visibility, global product range, global companies, global know-hows and skills, capacities and services, dynamic creativity and innovation, among others. Speaking further, Bindir, a former Director General of the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP) said to create a functional STI system in the 21st Century, there should be a transformation in the operations of Universities, Polytechnics, Research Institutes in the areas of Training, Research and Development, production and industrial centres with collaborations nationally and internationally. To achieve sustainable developments through Technopreneurship in the 21st Century he called for dynamic deployment of solutions to competitively meet and sustain socio-economic solutions, innovations solutions and products entrepreneurship.



He called on 21st Century Universities of Technology to build the critical mass of technopreneurial manpower, transform and take a deliberate STI-based mass employment generation and wealth creation posture, think out of the box by establishing and

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managing Science and Technology parks to link knowledge to socio-economic development and set up a regional steering committee. He said the outcome of the above will be job and wealth creation, leading to prosperity, sustainable development and industrialization that will bring national cohesion.

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape said the essence of Foundation Day Lecture which FUTA as sustained over the years is to expand the frontiers of knowledge and provide veritable platform for staff, students and other stakeholders to interact and aggregate views on national priorities with the view of setting agenda for further discourse on their actualization. Fuwape said FUTA has also over the years invited very resourceful and distinguished members of the academia, celebrated industrialists, top government functionaries and professionals who have impacted society positively and reputed for value addition to humanity to deliver the lecture. He said Bindir acquitted himself creditably well as the Foundation lecturer for 2018 edition.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN OFFERS FUTA GRADUATE FULL POSTGRADUATE SPONSORSHIP

Mr. Tosin Jemilehin, a 2016 graduate of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department has been admitted to a Masters/PhD programme with full sponsorship at the University of Texas at Austin (UTAustin) in the United States of America. This is a fall out of an affiliation agreement initiated in November 2017 by Professor Deji Akinwande, FUTA's Primary UTAustin contact.

Conveying the message to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape, the Director, FUTA's Centre for Renewable Energy Technology (CRET), Professor Olurinde Lafe said Professor Deji Akinwande facilitated the admission and sponsorship process.

A portion of the admission letter, signed by Leonard F. Register, ECE Graduate Advisor reads, "your application to the Graduate Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) has received a favourable evaluation from the admissions committee of the Integrated Circuits & Systems (ICS) track. I am pleased to inform that I have recommended to the Dean of Graduate Studies that you be admitted into our program for the Fall 2018 semester to pursue a master's degree (to be followed by a PhD) in the ICS Track of ECE."

Reacting to the development, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape who congratulated Tosin described it as dividend of international collaboration which FUTA is noted for.

He admonished Tosin to put in his best in his academic pursuit at UTAustin and be a good ambassador of FUTA and Nigeria.

He commended Professor Deji Akinwande's effort in facilitating the process that got Tosin admitted to UTAustin.



OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY MUST EMBRACE NEW TECHNOLOGIES ...FUTA DON



A Professor of Exploration Geophysics at the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) Mary Taiwo Olowokere who is also the first and only female Shell Professor of Geophysics in Africa has observed that the exploration and exploitation

of crude oil and gas in Nigeria have continued to come under severe strain with attendant negative effect on the economy and the environment. She therefore called for utilization of new trends and ideas in hydrocarbon exploration and proper adjustment of hydrocarbon exploration strategies to discover more oil-gas fields to guarantee energy security in Nigeria. She stated this while delivering the 101st inaugural lecture of the University titled: Innovation and Technology in Petroleum Geophysics: A paradigm shift to the new exploration frontiers. She urged the industry and the academia to improve on technical integration and concepts that originate along the boundaries of different technical disciplines. To achieve this, she recommended an adaptation of curricula to attain more significant skills, a change of teaching methods to reorient education towards becoming more practical, and development of skills and competencies in the downstream sector.

Admonishing the oil and gas industry, Olowokere said exploration companies must accept new technology at a faster pace to enhance accelerated technology development. Reviewing the performance of Oil and Gas industry, she said the 21st century Oil and Gas industry is driven by innovation and technology. This has dramatically altered the manner in which oil and gas resources are identified, developed and produced. She however assured that emerging technologies in robotics and automation have the potential to improve operations in the industry by reducing costs and increasing safety, efficiency and speed in obtaining products from the challenging conventional and non-traditional sources.

Professor Olowokere further listed the impact of innovation and technology in the petroleum industry to include cost reduction and time saving, efficiency gains and sustainable growth. She also said that emerging technologies in petroleum exploration

and production will reduce hazard and increase company's revenues. "Most of the oil and gas activities in the past have traditionally relied on manual, expensive and risky methods. Carrying out most of the operations require expensive, bulky and slow technologies in addition to specialized skills and equipment. Some of these expose the workers to several safety hazards such as toxic gases, falling, fire, accidents and others. The oil and gas specialists must be highly trained, insured and accommodated whenever they go out in the field. The older methods increase the operational costs, hence reducing the company's revenue" she added.

Professor Olowokere, a member of several professional bodies (local and international) who has attracted several donations to the department of Geophysics from local and foreign organizations also called for greater government support for academic institution. She said such support will ensure availability of highly trained researchers and staff who will guide the country to develop technologically.

Olowokere, a research consultant to Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board and external examiner for post graduate in Geophysics programme to many Nigerian Universities called for a change in teaching methods to become more practical through application of experimental learning approaches and skill development. She also advocated a geophysics solution to global warming being experienced worldwide. Professor Olowokere said the Digital Images of our planet, inside and out come from the digital processing methods originated in geophysics.

Introducing the lecturer, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape who chaired the event described her as a thorough bred and brilliant academic who has added value to her field. He acknowledged her immense contributions to the development of the university by attracting several donations to the institution.

The lecture attracted top notch from the academic, oil and gas and traditional institutions.

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OGUNRUKU PRESENTS BOOK ON NIGERIA'S HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

The ideas, values, philosophy, morals and ethics of higher education administration in Nigeria, have been adeptly chronicled in a book titled: Trends in University Administration: A compendium of selected papers authored by foremost University administrator, Mr. Ayo Ogunruku. Ogunruku,



a former Registrar, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife and erstwhile Director, Vice-Chancellor's office, Federal University of Technology, (FUTA, Akure mirrored the fate of Nigeria Universities vis-à-vis their administration and governance which impacts their relevance and essence.

Reviewing the 13-chapter book at a public presentation held at the T. I Francis Auditorium, FUTA, Professor Michael Faborode, former Vice-Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife and former Secretary General, Association of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) described the book as a profound text, well written in simple flowing language with a conceptual rendition of basic concepts that uses derived logic to state and interpret historical explorations with such clarity that entralls the reader.

Reviewing the book by chapters, Faborode disclosed that the book examined the intricacies of administration in the Nigerian system alluding to the complex nature and uniqueness of University administration. He noted that the book deals with human resources management, in relation to the impact of organization performance and personnel commitment.

The Don pointed out that the author reviewed the Administration of Nigeria's tertiary education Institutions in the 21st century, identifying the key challenges and commensurately preferring panaceas which reinforce the relevance and centrality of the Registry in the effective and sustainable administration of the 21st century Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

Faborode also said that the author asserted that the role of the University administrator in research management, intellectual property protection and funding of research has now become specialized and expanded requiring new skills and specialization and professionalism. Faborode commended the book to all

stakeholders in the Nigerian systems that are committed to the superiority of knowledge as the veritable vehicle for human progress.



Also speaking, Chairman of the occasion and former Vice-Chancellor FUTA, Professor Peter Adeniyi described Mr. Ogunruku as an administrator par excellence whose professionalism, industry, doggedness, determination, commitment and optimistic deposition are exemplary and unparalleled. He said the book offers perfect guidelines in dealing with Nigeria's unique University system and is a must have for all administrations in the University system.

Earlier the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Professor Tunde Arayela said the book was a compilation of the administrative prowess of the author. He described the author as an administrator of note who has left indelible prints on the sands of time through untainted service to Higher Education Administration in Nigeria.

The launch was attended by dignitaries from all walks of life including Vice-Chancellors, Registrars, Clergy, staff and friends of the University all of who paid glowing tributes to the author.

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SECURITY ISSUES: NIGERIAN ARMY SEEKS FUTA'S ASSISTANCE

The Nigerian Army through its Department of Transformation and Innovation has approached the Federal University of Technology, Akure for relevant assistance in tackling security challenges in the country.



At a courtesy call on the University Management, the Director, Army Department of Transformation and Innovation, Brigadier General, Gakji Goshwe Shipi said "the Army recently had two exhibitions in Abuja through its Research and Development Department where one of the Military formations showcased an item that the Army needed foreign exchange to buy from overseas and when asked how they got it, they said it was through a collaboration with FUTA. There and then it became clear that we can source for some items we need locally. I thereby convinced the relevant authorities that no doubt we need to seek further assistance from FUTA by coming around to tap into your wealth of experience"

Shipi affirmed that a lot of potential resides in the academic environment that the army can tap into through collaboration. "It is known all over the world that the military is a major driving force behind industrial development and we do not want to be left out as a nation. But we have our limitations and we know that with the assistance of the academia, we can cover those limitations. So we have come to see how we can synergize to help with our nation's security challenge. The Military is into many things. Aside weaponry, we are into agriculture and other projects. Whatever Department or Faculty you are from, you definitely have something to offer us" he added.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor [Academic], Professor Olatunde Arayela acknowledged the local and global

recognition FUTA has attained over the years, saying it has become its tradition to display excellence in its operations. He said, FUTA appreciate the Nigerian Army as a partner in progress over the years. Arayela said FUTA is a University always striving to sustain the technological advancement of Nigeria, with so many programmes that can benefit the Army. He said with Departments like Computer Science, Cyber Security and the likes, Nigerian Army is sure to benefit a lot from FUTA.

He assured that both institutions can collaborate for the development of the country. "Your purpose of coming here is going to be very fruitful, because as a University we are open to collaboration with reputable organizations, including the Army. We have in the past assisted the Nigerian Airforce in fixing their aircrafts and we are still very capable of doing more. We have all it takes to render necessary assistance to you as you deem fit." he added.



To show the quality of its academic prowess, power point presentation of various relevant areas that can be of assistance to the Nigerian Army was presented with a facility tour.

Brigadier General Shipi expressed his satisfaction about the facilities inspected, assuring of it culminating into the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding very soon.

The Director, Centre for Research and Development [CERAD], Professor Ganiyu Oboh led the facility tour.

Brigadier General Shipi had in his entourage the Assistant Director, Major D. B. Sambo.



FUTA ALUMNI TO RAISE ₦1 BILLION FOR ALMA MATA DEVELOPMENT

The Alumni Association of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, FUTA has set a target of ₦1 billion annually for its Trust Fund.

Speaking during the inauguration of the FUTA Alumni Trust Fund Board, held at the Council Chamber of the Institution, the President of the Alumni Association, Comrade Adesomoju Olaitan, disclosed that the Association planned to raise the sum of ₦1 billion annually for the University to ensure the sustenance and improvement of its leading position global arena of citadel of academic excellence.

According to him, the Institution's quest for research works needed to be properly funded, hence the intervention of the Association.

"The Alumni Association is ready to galvanize our resources both at home and abroad, which is in tandem with our vision and aspiration for our Alma Mata.

Our target is to raise ₦1 billion every year. This will be used for infrastructural development and research endowment in the University" Adesomoju stated.

That is what we met on ground. For instance in June, 2018, we had a shortfall of ₦1.2 billion.



"However, we have been enjoying the intervention of TETFUND. Also, we established a farm to produce agricultural products for commercial purposes and to raise our "Internally Generated Revenue" stated the Vice-Chancellor.

In his remarks, the Patron of the Association and Founder of Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, (ABUAD) Aare Afe Babalola, who was represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor ABUAD, Professor Sylvester Ojo urged all FUTA graduates gainfully employed to donate not less than 10 percent of their income to the Endowment Fund of the Alumni Association.



In his address the Vice-Chancellor of the Institution Professor Joseph Fuwape, identified inadequate funding as one of the major challenges facing the institution. He lamented that the Federal Government allocation to the University had drastically reduced in recent times.

The Vice-Chancellor also disclosed that the Institution had been surviving through the intervention of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund.

He said, "we have changed the financial landscape of the University. The government allocation has drastically reduced.

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FUTA TRAINS CATHOLIC PRIESTS, SISTERS IN AGRIPRENEURSHIP

Some Catholic Priests from various Dioceses in Nigeria have earned certificates in Agripreneurship at the Federal University of Technology Akure. The ceremony took place at the T. I. Francis auditorium of the University. Presenting the certificates in the presence of the Chairman, Governing Council, Senator Joseph Waku, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape urged the Reverend fathers and sisters to see it as value addition to their ministries. He said God detest laziness and thus he encouraged the Priests to see the achievements as part of ministry wherein they can impact their congregation.

Speaking at the occasion the Catholic Bishop of Ondo Diocese, the Right Reverend Jude Arogundade congratulated the graduands and said it is a great day for the Catholic Mission in Nigeria and the beginning of greater things to come. He said the programme is all about empowerment of the youth in the country, stating that they have come to learn and offer solutions to some of the challenges of the society. Right Reverend Arogundade thanked the organizers, Pontifical Missions Society (PMS) Nigerian and prayed for their continuous growth in the area of empowering individuals and groups.



Also delivering a speech the PMS National Director and National Coordinator, Mission Agriculture Initiatives Nigeria, Rev. FR. George Ajana said with nostalgia he remembers when the graduands were first introduced to the programme on the 13th of December, 2017 at the seminar organized in DRACC Abuja. He said the first phase of the agriculture programme has been completed, urging them not to forget all they have learnt. He reminded the awardees that they would be getting foreign loans for their projects and implored them to ensure that the projects

succeed. He particularly thanked Professor Olaniyi Okunlola for his expertise in the area of agriculture and his commitment at ensuring that knowledge is imparted.

The Commissioner for Agriculture, Ondo State, Otunba Adegboyega Adefarati congratulated and commended the effort of the Catholic Priests. He said the back to land policy of the state government is the approach every well-meaning government should imbibe in this era of dwindling price in petroleum products. He assured the Catholic Farmers of the support of his Ministry and Ondo State in terms of finance and technical component. He thanked the Management of FUTA for always being partners in progress with the state.



Speaking in the same vein, Director of Centre for Entrepreneurship (CENT), Professor Ayo Ajayi and Mission Agric expert, Professor Olaniyi Okunlola congratulated the graduands for a job well done. They thanked the University Management for making FUTA a home to the Priest during their period of studentship. They implored the Priests to impart what they have learnt on their congregation and make utmost use of the opportunity offered.

Responding on behalf of the graduands, Sister Catherine Adelegan said she feels honoured to be part of this pioneer class and expressed gratitude to the Almighty for making it possible. She described FUTA environment as second to none, as they were made to feel at home all through the training. She assured the organizers that the graduands will not disappoint in proffering solutions to challenges in the agricultural sector in their various Dioceses.

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