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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 without nations 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 organization, 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.