



# CAMPUS NEWS

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## **FUT, MINNA COMMENCES 2013/2014 POST-UTME SCREENING**

**F**ederal University of Technology, Minna today commenced the 2013/2014 Pre-Admission Screening Exercise (UPASE), hitherto referred to as Post-Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination at the University Main Campus amidst orderliness.

While inspecting the University Electronic Test Centre (ETC), the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, who was accompanied by other Management staff, commended the Committee for the preparations, orderliness and logistics put in place for the examination.

*Prof. Bala inspecting the ongoing Post-UTME screening at the University ETC.*

Prof. Akanji said the computers that would be used for the Computer-Based Test are all in perfect state and expressed optimism that the institution would conduct a hitch free Post-UTME.

In a related development, while addressing journalists who were in the campus to observe the exercise, the DVC (Academic), Prof. Abdullahi Bala said the University recognized the fact that the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) are on strike but the Post-UTME screening exercise is on because admission process is not the responsibility of ASUU.

“Every academic staff has three mandates; teaching, research and community service and ASUU has only withdrawn the teaching component of it”, Prof. Bala stated.

On the threat by FUT, Minna Chapter of ASUU that the students would not be recognized if the University proceeds with the Post-UTME, Prof. Bala said the candidates are not yet students of FUT, Minna and ASUU cannot lay claim to them until when they are admitted and matriculated.

He further stated that the Vice-Chancellor is the Chief Admission Officer of the University and has the right to conduct screening and admission as at when due.

He charged journalists to be more responsible in discharging their professional duties.

The Post-UTME will end on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, 2013 for candidates who chose FUT, Minna as their first and second choice.

So far, the exercise has been hitch free and about 5,000 candidates are expected to participate in the screening. Mean while, the screening for Direct Entry candidates will commence on the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> of September, 2013.

### **PROF. AKANJI CALLS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT**

In view of the dwindling fortune of education standard in the country, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, has advocated for regional cooperation in educational development in Africa.

The VC stated this when he received members of West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (*WASCAL*), Advisory Board on Monday, July 29, 2013 at the Council Chamber, Main Campus.

*FUT, Minna VC, Prof. Akanji (middle) flanked by other POs and members of WASCAL Advisory Board during a courtesy call.*

Prof. Akanji said regional cooperation through exchange of programmes and experts in various fields would help enhance the standard of education in the country.

The VC said the University recognized *WASCAL*'s impact since its inception and noted that the institution has great respect for international programmes by ensuring that the *WASCAL* programmes run without interference from the local ones.

“I want to implore you to critically look at the programme and proffer ways that would help improve it and we would be ready to accommodate it,” Prof. Akanji requested.

He further assured them of the University Management support and wished the delegation a fruitful deliberation during their meeting.

Speaking earlier, Coordinator, *WASCAL* FUT, Minna and HOD, Department of Geography, Dr. Appolonia Okhimamhe said FUT, Minna *WASCAL* proposal has been certified by the Advisory Board for being in tandem with tenets of the regional programme and thanked the University Management for the support given to the programme.

Dr. Okhimamhe informed the VC that the Advisory Board members would critically evaluate the FUT, Minna *WASCAL* programme and recommend ways on how to improve the programme.

She also said that the University would learn a lot from the input of the *WASCAL* Advisory Board members owing to their vast experience and knowledge garnered as a result of being associated with the programme across different parts of West Africa

In his vote of thanks, member of the *WASCAL* Advisory Board, Prof. Omotosho hailed the University Management for the well documented support given to the *WASCAL* programme and assured the VC that they would perform their duty excellently towards improving the quality of the programme.

### **OUR ENGINEERING PROGRAMMES ARE THE BEST IN NIGERIA- VC**

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB*, has reiterated the institution's glowing prowess in the field

of engineering by stating that its engineering programmes are the best in Nigeria based on facilities, quality of faculty staff, research and content.

The VC made this known recently when he received the executive members of Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) Minna Branch, who paid him a courtesy call on Tuesday, July 29, 2013 at the Council Chamber, Main Campus.

*VC, Prof. Akanji speaking during the courtesy visit.*

Prof. Akanji said that the institution's Engineering programmes have been adjudged as the best by National Universities Commission (NUC) and Council for the Registration of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) with full accreditation status.

"In recognition of our strength in engineering courses, the institution has been approached through the Federal Executive Council to assist University of Abuja Engineering students to complete their studies", Prof. Akanji added.

Prof. Akanji told the delegation to identify the areas of partnership with the University and assured them of Management's support towards promoting engineering profession in the country.

He also congratulated NSE President, Engr. Hassan Chado on his well deserved appointment as the General Manager of

Niger State Water Board and wished him well.

Speaking earlier, the NSE President, Engr. Chado who thanked the VC and his Management team for making out time to receive them, despite their tight schedule said the purpose of the visit was to meet with the University Management and to solicit for strong partnership with the institution through its School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) in the area of workshops, conferences and other areas that would benefit both parties.

He commended the institution for the quality of its engineering graduates which according to him are contributing greatly in various sectors of the country development and urged the VC to support more of its members who are staff of the University in attending workshops that would enhance their skills.

## **NIGER STATE FRSC COMMAND TRAINS FUT, MINNA DRIVERS**

Sequel to the recent courtesy visit of the Niger State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr. David Usman to the institution, FRSC, Niger State Command has organised a one day induction and training session for the University's drivers.

*Niger State FRSC officials and Mallam Wuna during the enlightenment seminar for FUT. Minna drivers.*

Speaking during the session which was held on Monday, July 29, 2013 at the Works and Maintenance Department, the Sector Commander said the training was aimed at getting the participants acquainted with the process of obtaining the new drivers' license and numbers plate which he said was necessitated by the fact that FRSC did not have an adequate database of drivers on Nigerian roads.

Mr. Usman who elaborated on the procedure of obtaining the new drivers' license and number plate said the maximum speed limit on Nigerian roads is 100km p/h and that everybody should be mindful of whom they release their cars to, as the new number plates are personal to individuals and any crime committed with them will be traced to the owner.

“Most importantly as a driver, always have it at the back of your mind that every other driver is amateur, consider yourself the only normal person on the road.” The Sector Commander advised.

Also speaking, the Director of Works, Alhaji Muhammadu Wuna implored the participants to put all that was taught into good use so as not to be found wanting.

In his closing remarks, the Deputy Director of Works, Engr. I. B. Musa, thanked FRSC for the insightful training and assured them that FUT, Minna transport Fleet Management will continue to be a Grade A classified fleet services in Niger State which it is known for.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Prof. Samuel Oyeleke,

Department of Microbiology as the Chairman, University Model Secondary School Management Board. Other Members of the Board are:

- i. Director, FUTMIN – Member
- ii. HOD, Science Education – Member
- iii. PTA Representative – Member
- iv. Rep. of Min of Edu. Minna – Member
- v. Principal of the School – Member
- vi. Registrar's Rep. (M.D. Nakaka) - Secretary

He has also approved the appointment of Engr. Shiru Jonathan Jacob from Federal Polytechnic, Bida as a Visiting Senior Lecturer to the Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) for a period of one year with effect from October 1, 2013.

#### **SABBATICAL**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved for Dr. Jiya Mohammed, Department of Mathematics/Statistics, Sabbatical tenable at the Federal University, Dutsin-ma, Katsina State for a period of one year with effect from October 1, 2013.

#### **RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of the followings for a period of one year each:

- i. Prof. James I. Igahlo, Department of Estate Management and Valuation with effect from August 1, 2013
- ii. Kolo Mary Favour (Mrs.), University Library Services with effect from August 23, 2013.

iii. Mike E. D. A. Imeh, Equipment and Maintenance Centre with effect from July 2, 2013.

### REDEPLOYMENT

The Registrar has approved with immediate effect the redeployment of the under listed Registry staff:

Name	Rank	Old Post	New Post
Abdulrahman Mohammed	SCO	PG School	Works and Maintenance
Safiyat Abdulkarim	CO	Microbiology	Entrepreneurship & Business Studies
Abdullahi Ndagi	CA	Works and Maintenance	PG School

### MONEY MATTERS

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, 22 – Friday, July 26, 2013)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1.	Academic Transcript	65,000.00
2.	Verification & Collection of Original Certificate	216,000.00
3.	Commercial Activities	22,800.00
4.	Campus Radio Bill Fees for Announcement	315,200.00
5.	A.G.F. (Personnel Grant) – July 2013	286,486,015.80
6.	A.G.F. (Recurrent Grant) – July 2013	10,140,586.00
7.	Post-UTME Registration	4,002,450.00
8.	Post- UTME E-Training	42,000.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>₦301,290,051.80</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
9.	(i) Staff	
	(a) July, 2013 salary deduction payable to third parties	89,018,129.79
	(b) Salary	504,274.78
	(c) Refund	2,365,375.00
	(d) Advances	2,829,275.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Electronic Test Company Ltd – E-Exam	1,073,025.00
	(b) Electricity Bill	2,567,526.66
	(c) Skytick International Ltd – Maintenance Fees	3,077,142.00
	(d) News Paper – Supply	47,100.00
	(e) Jozom Integrated Service – Supply	353,115.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>₦101,834,963.23</b>

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<http://dSPACE.futminna.edu.ng/jspui/handle/1/773> at the right hand side of the screen click on the actual date you want.

### APPRECIATION

Mall. Adoke Haruna of Establishment Division has expressed his appreciation to the University community for their prayers and support during the naming ceremony of his daughter (Faridah Azumi Oyiza Adoke) which took place recently.

### CONDOLENCE

The registrar, has on behalf of the Council, Management, Senate, Staff and Students of the University, condoled Mall. Muhammad Dattijo Usman, former Registrar of the University over the death of his beloved daughter which occurred on Tuesday, July 30, 2013.