

EMIR OF LAPAI, AGAIE EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN PROF BALA LED MANAGEMENT

The Emir of Lapai, HRH Alh. Umar Tafida Bago and the Emir of Agaie, HRH Alh. Yusuf Nuhu have both expressed confidence in Prof. Abdullahi Bala led Management team of the Federal University of Technology, Minna to transform the fortunes of the institution for good.

The revered Royal Fathers made this disclosure when the Vice-



The VC, Prof. Bala presenting gift to the Emir of Lapai, HRH Alh. Tafida Bago during the courtesy visit.

Chancellor of the University, led other Principal Officers on a courtesy visit to their respective palaces on Monday, March 12, 2018.

Speaking during the visit, the Emir of Lapai, HRH Alh. Bago felicitated with the Vice-Chancellor on his well-deserved appointment, adding that the Emirate Council is optimistic that his reign as Vice-Chancellor would transform the University to a world class citadel of learning.

The Emir of Lapai assured the Vice-Chancellor of his continuous support and prayers for him to succeed in office and appealed to members of the University Management to give the VC full support and quality counselling that would move the University to greater heights.

"Based on your track records as a renowned professor, we have confidence in you that you will succeed", the Emir echoed.

Speaking earlier, the VC expressed appreciation to the Emir for the warm reception accorded the visiting team, stating that the purpose of his visit was to familiarize himself with the Emirate Council and to appeal for their support.

Prof. Bala stated that the University is committed to advancing the fortunes of the University host communities as well as the State at large in the area of community service and through the training of competent manpower that would transform the natural resources of the State and country for the benefit of the society.

The University helmsman said Niger State would be given more consideration during admission exercise and urged the Emirate Council to take advantage of the University remedial programme to secure admission for their children.

On the high cost of the remedial programme, the VC appealed to the Emir to counsel the present State Government to continue with the scholarship programme introduced by the Government of Dr. Muazu Babangida Aliyu, stating that the scholarship scheme increased the State enrolment figure in the University during the period.

He called on Lapai Emirate Educational Trust Fund to sponsor some indigent students from the community to acquire University degree.

The Vice-Chancellor's next port of call was at the palace of the Emir of Agaie, delivering his address, Prof. Bala said the purpose of his visit was to introduce himself to the Emir and to solicit for the Royal Father's support and cooperation.

The VC assured the Emir that the University under his administration would do more for the State in the area of community service while expressing desire to work with the Emirate Council.

Prof. Bala frowned at the fact that important personalities from the State that are in government are not attracting development to the State and the University just as is the practice in other States. He appealed to the Emir to reach out to those personalities to contribute to the development of the State.

Responding, the Emir of Agaie, HRH Alh. Nuhu expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor and his Management for the visit.

The Emir expressed confidence that Prof. Bala would take the University to the next level based on his antecedents while noting that the State is proud of him and that the Emirate Council is solidly behind him.

The Royal Father appealed to the University to introduce programme in the area of maritime transportation and logistics to provide the community with competent manpower that would work at the Baro Port when the project is fully operational.

"I will continue to pray for you to succeed in office and may Allah grant you the wisdom to discharge your duties to the benefit of humanity", the Emir opined.



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Bala in a snapshot with the Emir of Agaie, HRH Alh. Yusuf Nuhu

PROF BALA FLAGS TRICYCLE SCHEME ...Commends MFB Mgt.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala has flagged off the second phase of FUT, Minna Microfinance Bank Tricycle Scheme geared at rewarding the bank customers and to address the problem of inter-campus transport system.

The brief flag-off ceremony took place today at the Works Department Parking Shed at the Main Campus.



The VC, Prof. Bala cutting the tape to flag off the Bank's Tricycle scheme today with support from the DVC (Academic), Prof. Iyaka, the Bursar, Mrs Hajara Abdullahi and the Acting MD of the bank, Mal, Ashafa

Speaking before flagging off the tricycles, Prof. Bala commended the Management of the bank for introducing the tricycle scheme, adding that the scheme would enable the University to address so many problems on campus and in the society at large.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed delight that the tricycle scheme would address the problem of inter-campus transport system by providing means of transportation for students within the campus.

"The problem of transportation will be addressed with these tricycles since they will be deployed to commute within the campus and it will help to improve on the availability of transport vehicles for staff and students", the VC noted

On the use of the University colour for the tricycles, Prof. Bala disclosed that it would contribute to the effort of the University Management at boosting security on campus because the identity of the tricycle operators are known while stating that it would also boost confidence in members of the University community. He congratulated the bank on the laudable initiative and expressed optimism that subsequent arrangement will follow suit by using the customized colour.

The don further stated that the scheme would also address the problem of youth unemployment by providing opportunity for youths to be employed and have a reliable source of income to enhance their livelihood.

He expressed joy that some of the beneficiaries are from the University host communities and that the gesture is a perfect way for them to know that the University recognize them as a critical stakeholder.

The VC advised the beneficiaries to adhere to the tenets of the leasing agreement and to see the tricycles as their personal property.

In her address, the Chairperson of the bank's Board, Mrs. Hajara Kuso Abdullahi admonished the beneficiaries to take advantage of the bank's tricycle scheme to change their

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fortunes in life by complying with the laid down agreement.

The Chairperson who is also the University Bursar urged the beneficiaries to drive the tricycle carefully and to use it for profitable purposes so that they can pay back the loan as and when due.

Speaking earlier, the acting Managing Director of the bank, Mal. Aminu Mohammed Ashafa said the tricycle scheme was part of the bank's effort at providing job opportunities for the youth as well as to reduce poverty in the society in line with the law establishing microfinance banks in the country.

The acting MD said the success of the first phase of the scheme encouraged the bank to introduce the second phase in order for other customers of the bank to benefit from the scheme.

"This is part of our corporate social responsibility to the society and to reward our esteemed customers for their loyalty to the bank all though the years", the acting MD stated.

He disclosed that the tricycles have nine months guarantee from the supplier including three months free servicing, adding that the bank has done all the papers registration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and Vehicles Inspection Office (VIO) with number plate.

Speaking on behalf of beneficiaries from the host community, Mal. Mohammed Abdullahi who spoke in Hausa language expressed joy with the University Management and the bank for providing a source of livelihood for them. He prayed that Almighty Allah would guide them and also provide for them in time of need.

Speaking on behalf of beneficiaries from FUT, Minna, Mal. Mohammed Danjuma thanked the bank for the gesture and vowed that they would adhere to the terms of the leasing agreement.

The papers of the 21 tricycles were later presented to all the beneficiaries at the event.

It will be recalled that FUTMinna Microfinance Bank started operation in 2012 and has become one of the leading microfinance banks in the State.



The VC, Prof. Bala presenting the tricycle key, number plate and other documents of the tricycle to one of the beneficiaries while the Ag. MD looked on with keen interest

63RD INAUGURAL LECTURE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the **63rd Inaugural Lecture of the University** slated as follows:

Theme: *"Care For Fish Out of Water: A Veritable Post Harvest Strategy For Food Security in Nigeria."*

Lecturer: Prof. Olusegun Johnson Oyero,
B.Sc., M.Sc. (UI), Ph.D. (Minna)
Professor of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Chairman: Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN,
Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018.

Time: 2:30pm prompt.

Venue: Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus.

TRAINING! TRAINING!! TRAINING!!!

This is to inform all male staff of the Vice-Chancellor's Office that training exercise in preparations for the forthcoming maiden edition of the Vice-Chancellor Inter-School/Department and Unit Staff Football Championship has been slated as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Venue: Football Field, Gidan Kwano Campus


Time: 4pm Prompt

For further details, please call: 07036862826 or 08036266042

ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT!! ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

This is to inform all staff of the Federal University of Technology, Minna that the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN, has given approval to the University Sports Committee to organize the maiden edition of FUT, Minna Staff Inter-Departmental/School/ and Unit Football Championship. In view of this, all interested staff are advised to liaise with the designated Coordinator in charge of their respective Schools, Departments or Units to commence preparations and other logistics for the smooth kick-off of the Championship.

The Coordinators are as follows:

- i. School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), Dr. Peter Eze
- ii. School of Electrical and Engineering Technology, Dr. Alkali Babawuya
- iii. School of Infrastructure and Processing Engineering Technology, Engr. Mohammed Bello
- iv. School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology, Dr. Mukaila Ijaiya
- v. School of Environmental Technology, Dr. Chukwudi Ohadugha
- vi. School of Information and Communication Technology, Dr. Morufu Olalere
- vii. School of Life Sciences, Mr. Adelere Isiaka Adedayo
- viii. School of Physical Sciences, Dr. Bolarinwa Gbolahan
- ix. School of Science and Education Technology, Dr. Rabi Bello
- x. The Vice-Chancellor's Office, Prof. Ibrahim Adai
- xi. Works Department, Mr. James Nwanpa
- xii. Physical Planning & Development Unit, QS Mohammed Saba
- xiii. Registry Department, Mal. Abubakar Aliyu
- xiv. Microfinance Bank  CPES, Mr. Mohammed Babatunde Jibril
- xv. University Health Services, Mr. Abdulwaziu Kolawale
- xvi. University Security Services, Mr. A. K. Abiodun
- xvii. Audit/ Bursary, Mr. Abiodun Fawole
- xviii. University Library, Mustapha Gana

It promises to be fun; let's make it happen...

For more details: Call 07036862826, 07032086217, and 08033883137. Coming Soon!