

ACCREDITATION: COREN RATES FUT-MINNA ENGINEERING PROGRAMMES HIGH

By Aliyu Ibrahim Jidda



The accreditation team inspecting facilities at the University's Library.

Photo by Elijah Yisa

The re-accreditation team leader of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria, (COREN) to the Departments of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering, Civil Engineering and Mechatronics Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Engr. Prof. Babagana Mohammad, from University of Maiduguri, has commended the Management of the Federal University of Technology Minna, for attaining higher scores in the Engineering programmes run by the institution.

The commendation was made on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 during the team's exit meeting held at the Senate Chamber, Main-Campus, Gidan Kwano, Minna.

Engr. Prof. Mohammed who expressed happiness with the

enabling environment his team met in the institution expressed delight and praised the Management for creating such conducive atmosphere that made their stay in the University remarkable and the accreditation exercise easier.

The accreditation team leader singled out the University's Mechatronic Engineering course and commended FUT, Minna for supporting the programme which he described as "a growing discipline in the country".

He also applauded the institution for allowing the "gown to meet with the town" through the regular inaugural lectures which creates conducive relationship between the institution and the larger society.

He noted the team spirit and corporation among the staff of the

departments, adding that they have qualified lecturers who approach their duties with enthusiasm. He also observed that the departments have the required equipment.

Prof. Mohammed commended the University for providing a conducive environment for learning and the Quality Assurance Unit watching against irregularities. among others.

The team leader who said the present Registrar of COREN Prof. Joseph Odegure who happens to be from FUT, Minna is a great gift which the University has given to COREN, observed that as a regulatory body, it is part of their concern to make more recommendation to the University.

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because accreditation of engineering programmes is a major mandate of COREN in accordance with the law setting up the Council. Prof. Mohammed added that the Council was working hard to improve engineering education and training and that the accreditation exercise conducted by COREN is for partnership and growth, not for witch-hunting and it is aimed at building, not for destroying. The process, he added, is strict, firm but fair.

The team commended the Manage-

ment for improving on the recommendations made in March 2016 and praised the Dean of SIPET, Engr. Prof. Zinash Osunde and Dean of SEET, Engr. Prof. Elizabeth Onwuka for their good governance.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN, noted that from the outcome of remarks and analysis carried out by the team, it shows that the team had actually carried out its task judiciously. He therefore thanked the team for the effort put into the exercise.

Represented by the Deputy Vice - Chancellor (Administration) Prof. Emmanuel Emeka Udensi, fnip, the Vice-Chancellor appreciated the team leader for the positive commendation all through and that based on the team's recommendation the Management would look into areas that need to be improved on.

FUTMINNA A GIANT, LEADING UNIVERSITY IN NIGERIA – VC

By Yusuf A. Zurmi



A cross section of the newly admitted PG Students during the 7th Matriculation Ceremony

Photo by Elijah Yisa

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN has assured new Postgraduate students that they would not regret choosing FUT, Minna, as the institution has become a giant and leading university in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Prof. Bala stated this during the 7th Matriculation Ceremony of the postgraduate students for 2021/2022 academic session held on Thursday, November 18, 2021

at Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies Hall, Bosso Campus.

He said FUT, Minna is one of the very few Universities of Technology established in 1983 by the Federal Government to meet the Nation's desire for self-sufficiency in Science and Technology and that the University has remained true to the dream and aspiration of the founding fathers.

"We in FUT, Minna, are proud of this legacy and we are proud that

we continue to serve as a flagship University in Nigeria. We are today the best specialized university in this country. We have consistently remained among the top ten universities in Nigeria and have consistently remained among the top hundred government universities in Africa".

The VC noted that successes recorded by the University so far was because of the diligence and commitment of not only its staff but also its students, especially the postgraduate

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students. He urged them to be very committed and show good diligence in their work. "Take your admission seriously and use the opportunity to ensure that you go through the program successfully and graduate," he advised.

Prof. Bala congratulated them and urged them to read through the Postgraduate booklet which contains information on the rules

and regulations guiding the administration of postgraduate programmes in the University.

The Registrar of the University, Mr. Amos N. Kolo represented by the Deputy Registrar (Academic) Mrs. Aishat Usman administered the matriculation oath.

The breakdown of candidates who applied to the University for

postgraduate programmes shows that for PhD, 284 applied but only 240 were admitted out of which only 184 registered; Masters; 1,144 applied out of which 918 were admitted and only 668 registered while 222 applied for PGD, out of which 142 secured admission and only 82 registered.

PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS TO PROMOTE LIFE EXPECTANCY, DR. SADEEQ TELLS GOVERNMENT

• ACTIVISTS TO PUT PRESSURE ON POLICY MAKERS - VC

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



Dr. Sadeeq presenting his lecture

Protecting the natural resources against environmental pollutants can lead to sustainable environment, healthy dieting and lifestyle as well as promotion of life expectancy among citizens in Nigeria and other developing countries.

This was part of the submissions of a researcher in the Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering, School of Infrastructure Process Engineering and Technology, Federal University of Technology Minna, Engr. Dr. Sadeeq Abubakar Mohammed while presenting a public lecture titled, "Human Exposure to Carcinogens and Associated Health Risks: My Concern and Contributions" on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Dr. Sadeeq who identified water, soil and air as the three major cardinal agricultural determinants that support life

also said that heavy metals, dyes, pharmaceutical and agrochemical residues, battery, biomedical wastes are the environmental pollutants threatening the natural resources thus reducing life expectancy of citizens in county. Dr. Sadeeq further expressed concern that solid wastes wrongly disposed by some institutions and wastewaters from textile, tannery and pharmaceutical industries composed of a wide range of chemicals which are released into our water-ways and eventually used for irrigation of some agricultural products that we consume today, account for a number of ailments manifesting in many people such as cancer, skin lesions, bone diseases, cardiovascular, renal dysfunctions, retarded growth, physical, muscular and neurological degenerative processes.

In his quest to remedy the situation, Dr. Sadeeq disclosed that he adopted a technology used for conversion of biomass wastes into hydrochar known as hydrothermal carbonization needed for adsorption.

In order to significantly reduce human exposure to high concentrations of heavy metals and other organic tenable through food chain, the researcher advised that full implementation and proper utilisation of the techniques of his research work must ensue, adding that biomass waste can be turned into business opportunity; hence, creating jobs and providing quality crops for healthy growth and development.

He further stressed the need for the legislative arm of government to come up with blueprints on feasible policy and laws capable of safeguarding the vulnerable from excessive exposure

to chemical pollutants, also called on the authorities to enforce the rules and regulations governing the establishment of industries with a view to checkmating their activities and ensure that violators are brought to book.

During questions and answers session, the former Secretary to the Niger State Government,

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Prof. Muhammad Yahaya Kuta tasked the media outfits not to relent in the discharge of their statutory mandate of ensuring that the findings of this scientific investigation do not only reside within the four walls of the university but made available in the public domain, warning that failure to do so would continue to subject the victims to endless ailments.

Prof. Kuta also enjoined the Vice-Chancellor to lead a delegation to meet with the Niger State Governor to formally inform him on the need to take appropriate actions.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN who thanked Dr. Sadeeq for his presentation, described the development as depressing and ought to be formally presented to the authorities owing to the magnitude

of danger it poses to the societal existence.

He emphasized the need for the involvement of activists to bring to the attention of the policy makers and put pressure on them to ensure that the needful is done with a view to safeguarding the environment to guarantee a healthy society.

FUTMINNA 2ND, 3RD ANNUAL INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW RETREAT

This is to invite Principal Officers, Deans, Directors, Coordinators and Heads of Departments/Units, Union Leaders and selected students leaders to the 2nd and 3rd Annual Institutional Performance Review Retreat of the Federal University of Technology, Minna scheduled to hold from Monday, 29th November, 2021 to Friday, 3rd, December 2021 9:00am each day at the PTDF Lecture Theatre, Chemical Engineering Complex, SIPET, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, Minna.

PRESENTERS: The following offices are required to make 10-minute Power Point Presentations at the retreat; Academic Planning Unit, QAPU, CPES, SERVICOM, ACTU, DCAL, Legal Unit, Afforestation and Landscaping Comm., Works and Maintenance Dept, PPDU, Equipment Centre, ADO, Sports Committee, Students Support Services Unit, ILO/SIWES, University Bus Services, ACEMFS, CDRM&DS, CGEB, CHSUD, CODeL, WASCAL, DRID, NCDMB CoEFTD, IPTTO, Committee on Commercial Activities, University Farm, FUTMIN Ventures, ITS, Search FM and University Entrepreneurship Centre.

SUBMISSIONS: All submissions must be in writing and prepared for power point presentation. Copies of the slides should be sent to retreat@futminna.edu.ng on or before Wednesday, 24th November, 2021.

OTHER EVENTS AT THE RETREAT:

Presentation of the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report of Midterm Assessment of the University;

Launching of four Policies;

Launching of the Students Benevolence Fund;

Launching of the One-Programme-One-Product Scheme;

Discussions on thematic areas; and

Presentation of the Vice-Chancellor's Commendation Awards to deserving Staff and Students.

COUNSELLING TIPS

Don't rush to enter into friendship with people you have not known their details. Apart from the danger of been harm or cheated, you may gradually take the form, character, traits, likes and negative habit of those you wrongly associated with, thereby losing your core value, worth and integrity.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.**

MONEY MATTER

Weekly Financial Digest for Monday 8th November - Friday 14th 2021

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Transcript	1,142,550.00
2	Collection of Certificate	316,000.00
3	Verification/ Proficiency in English	7,500.00
4	Turnitin	66,000.00
5	Inter University Transfer	20,000.00
6	Sundry and other Income	5,000.00
7	Motorcycle Registration	18,000.00
8	Purchase of Academic Gown	76,000.00
9	Clearance Fees	486,000.00
10	Prepaid Meter	68,500.00
11	Semestrial Result	2,100.00
12	Entrepreneurship Training	5,000.00
13	Acceptance Fees	640,000.00
14	Registration Fees - Pre-Degree	1,167,000.00
15	Post Graduate School Fees	13,074,900.00
16	Undergraduate School Fees	10,791,650.00
17	Sales of Forms Pre-Degree	225,000.00
18	Hire of University Property (WAEC)	909,800.00
19	Hostel Accommodation Fees	335,000.00
20	CODeL Registration fees	230,675.00
21	Model Secondary School	1,000,000.00
		30,586,675.00
15	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advance	1,419,320.00
	(b) Refund /Payment to Staff	5,818,783.80
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Brizelane Konzept LTD - Supply	365,500.00
	(b) Minxbed Int vent LTD - Printing	537,500.00
	(c) Doko Int hotels Ltd - Hotel Bill	127,440.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,849,223.80