

## ACEMFS IMPROVING FUT MINNA RANKING, VC TELLS NUC

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VC, FUT, Minna, Prof. Kuta (Middle) flanked by the NUC Procurement Audit Team, QS Ifeanacho (4th right), QS Matthew (3<sup>rd</sup> right) and other Core Officers of ACEMFS in a group photograph

The Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Technology Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta has said that Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety (ACEMFS) has immensely contributed in improving the ranking of the University because it allows for admission of students from different parts of Africa.

The Vice-Chancellor stated this while receiving members of the National Universities Commission (NUC) Procurement Management Audit Team on a courtesy visit on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at the, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Prof. Kuta who described the visit by the team as a commitment towards making the country great also appealed to NUC to extend the life span of the project till 2025, adding that the Centre has given the University an

international colouration.

"The commitment you have showed us would not be taken for granted." The Vice Chancellor assured.

He further acknowledged that such visits by the team are always important because it provides a platform for external monitoring and evaluation which is key to meeting up with the established standards.

"It is one thing to be human and doing the correct thing and it is another thing when you ask another person who has no close relationship with you to look at what you are doing," Prof. Kuta further explained.

Speaking at the visit, the Leader of the NUC Procurement Management Team, QS. Okoye Ifeanacho expressed gratitude for the warm welcome accorded them. He said they have been involved with the WB'

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ACE project from inception till present and were in the University to go through the ACEMFS processes and how it is being handled.

The Quantity Surveyor further said that they were not here to indict anybody but to see how far the Centre has gone with the checklist that was sent and will propose solutions to observations made.

Also speaking earlier, the leader of the Centre, Prof. Hussaini Makun disclosed that the team which is expected to exit on Friday, May 5, 2023 were in the University to ensure that the Centre's procurement processes are in line with the

National Procurement Policy and global best practices.

He explained that though the Centre, over the years, has not deviated from the standard, it is always customary for the team to visit the centre with the view to ascertaining the level of compliance.

"The team is here to take a look at our books and give appropriate advice," Prof. Makun emphasized.

Other members of the team include, QS Chukwumalum Matthew and QS Gabriel Zachariah.

## ACEMFS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE TRAIN RESEARCHERS, FARMERS

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VC, Prof. Faruk Kuta, represented by DD DAP, Prof. John Alhassan (Middle) CL, ACEMFS, Prof. Makun (L) and Director EC, Dr. Alenoghena flanked (R) by the participants in a group photograph

No fewer than 206 participants, comprising researchers from the nine schools of the Federal University of Technology, Minna as well as soyabeans and cassava farmers from Bosso Local Government Area have been equipped at an intensive workshop on entrepreneurship and commercialization.

The training, jointly organised by the Africa Centre of Excellence for Mycotoxin and Food Safety, (ACEMFS) and the Entrepreneurship Centre of the University, which was aimed at building capacity for technology

innovation and revenue generation took place recently at the Entrepreneurship Centre, Main Campus, FUT, Minna.

Declaring the training open, the Vice-Chancellor, FUT, Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta said the training was a laudable initiative organised by the two centres to bridge the gap between the academia and the town.

The VC, who was represented by the Deputy Director, Academic Planning, Prof. John Alhassan noted that there are numerous research output lying idle. He therefore urged the participants to make

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effective use of the training and proffer solutions to research problems for innovative products.

Prof. Kuta expressed hope that there would be a road map for further interaction between researchers and farmers.

He maintained that there was the need to have a research complex or museum that will properly document and showcase research outputs which will improve the ranking of the institution.

The VC implored the participants to interact with one another while urging and urged the farmers to make their challenges known.

"This initiative should be a continuous process because it will be beneficial to the University, farmers and the community. It should be a thing that we will continue to do from time to time so that we can bring more solutions to our local and national problems," the VC Said.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Entrepreneurship Committee of the ACEMFS, Prof. Saka Abdulkareem said the essence of the training was to create awareness to the farmers on evolving technology on modern ways of farming to enable them enjoy maximum benefit of their products.

He implored the researchers to work together and contribute to the society at large.

The Director, Entrepreneurship Centre, FUT, Minna, Dr. Caroline Alenoghena in her welcome remark thanked the ACEMFS for making the training possible. She noted that it was a good mix to have a training comprising researchers and farmers just as she expressed hope that the collaboration would produce ground breaking products.

The Centre Leader, ACEMFS, Prof. Hussaini Makun said the Centre, which is facilitated by the World Bank and the Federal Government of Nigeria, has been given the responsibility to ensure that food eaten in Africa is safe.

Prof. Makun while giving a brief background of the Centre said the centre also has the mandate to ensure that the University is more

innovative and generates revenue as well as impact on the host community to ensure they are richer and healthier.

He explained that the entrepreneurship training is one of such activities that the host community are able to generate revenue as it is a medium where their problems can be known from the questions they will present which will be turned to innovative materials

The participants were taken through a Competency-Based Economies through Formation of Enterprise (CEFE) training and insights were shared on Problem Identification and solutions comprising of the problem solving cycle, SWOT Analysis and PESTLE, Research to Product Canvass (R2pC), Canvass 1 and 2 and Canvass to Business plan as well as Design Thinking.

The training also featured group tasks and questions bothering on improved seeds, fertilizers and soil nutrients were asked by the farmers while the researchers from the relevant field responded to them.

The Chairman Soyabeans Growers Association Farmers, Bosso LGA, Bosso, Mrs. Rifikatu Dimas commended the ACEMFS and Entrepreneurship Centre for equipping them with modern methods of agricultural value chains that would add value and help them become self-reliant. She added that she is excited with the synergy between the farmers and engineers who are ready to work with the farmers in the area of fabrication of machines and planting system which will lead to improved yield for export.

A researcher from the Department of Information and Media Technology disclosed that the training was timely and impactful adding that she has learnt a lot of things which are relevant to her as a researcher and looks forward to subsequent trainings.

Another researcher from the Department of Biochemistry learnt how to use the R2Pc which will guide him on research design.

E-Certificates were issued to the participants at the end of the training.

## UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of **Ibrahim Pius Onoja** Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics from Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer II, with effect from October 27, 2022.

# SALES OF ADMISSION FORM FOR FUT MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL, MINNA

The University community and the general public is hereby informed that, FUT Model Secondary School, Minna has commenced its sales of entrance form into JSS 1, JSS 2, SS1-SS3 at the rate of Four Thousand, Two Hundred Naira Only (N4,200). The forms are obtainable at both Micro Finance Bank, FUT Minna and the School premises.

The sales will commence on Monday, May 8, 2023 while screening examination will hold on Saturday, June 24, 2023.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

### CORRUPTION IN ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS

**Some of the Associated Corrupt Practices in admission and enrolment of students are:**

- Non-adherence to the carrying capacity of the National Universities Commission (NUC).
- Non-adherence to rules and regulations guiding admission.
- Political interference in the admission process of the University.
- Inadequate funding which encourages Universities to engage in over enrolment of students in order to generate IGR to run the Institutions.

### PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

- Adherence to approved NUC carrying capacity for institutions.
- Only people of integrity should be involving in admission process.
- Admission of students should be based on merit and discretionary admissions should be applied with set criteria to avoid abuse.
- Stipulating a time table for admission to eliminate room for unnecessary pressure on officials.
- Universities should be adequately funded.
- Prescribe severe sanction against any staff that influenced the admission process against the guideline.

## COUNSELLING TIPS

Refrain from a friend that always threatens rather than encourages. Be the prudent who see danger and take refuge and not simple who keep going and suffer for it.

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

## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of the Management, Staff, Students and the entire members of the University Community, condoled the following staff:

1. Dr. Abdullahi S. Fatahi of University Health Services over the death of his Mother who died on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.
2. Prof. Adamu A. Mohammed, Department of Mathematics over the death of his Mother who died on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

## MONEY MATTER

### Weekly Financial Digest for 24th April - 30th April 2023

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	ACCEPTANCE FEES	880,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	975,020.00
3	POST UTME	16,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE )	209,000.00
5	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE )	28,000.00
6	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	5,931,000.00
7	POSTGRADUATE FORMS	660,000.00
8	SEMESTERIAL RESULT	200.00
9	TURNITIN PG	146,000.00
10	TURNITIN UNDERGRAUATE	55,500.00
11	CLEARANCE FEES	15,000.00
12	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	31,087,000.00
13	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	30,000.00
14	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	5,000.00
15	CODeL REGISTRATION	89,200.00
16	PURCHASE OF ACADEMIC GOWN	38,000.00
17	SALE OF FORMS PRE-DEGREE	49,000.00
18	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES( SHOP)	10,000.00
19	PREPAID METER	72,000.00
20	SIWES LOG BOOKS	22,000.00
21	MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION	11,000.00
22	TEACHING PRACTICE	24,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>#40,352,920.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
23	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Refund	1,636,580.00
	(b) Advance	665,000.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(i) Gboye & Global Resources Ltd. - Supply	1,214,750.00
	(h) MHIXBEG Int. Ventures - Supply	989,000.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>#4,505,330.00</b>