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THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, AKURE, NIGERIA

VICE-CHANCELLOR THANKS DONORS



All University stakeholders have been enjoined to participate in the overall development of the Institution. According to the

Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Technology, Akure, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffs*, one should not expect the government to solely fund the Institution, especially, when it is in dire need of basic infrastructure such as multipurpose halls for examinations, laboratory equipment, library services and hostels for the students, electricity and computers, just to mention a few.

Some organizations and individuals have responded to this clarion call for support. The Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Management therefore wishes to express his appreciation to those who have assisted the University in one way or the other, by donating block of classrooms for lectures theatre, hostels for the students, and scholarship to assist indigent and deserving students.

Your support is deeply appreciated and we believe it would help a great deal in making us achieve our dream of becoming the best University of Technology in Africa.

WAUG-TTAT'S DONORS: APPRECIATION

WAUG-TTAT has come and gone, but the memory of the game will continue to linger in the minds of all that participated in the competition and won trophies for their different institutions. On our part in FUTA, the gains of the

festival shall be consolidated upon for the purpose of future exploits. We again use this medium to thank profusely all corporate organizations and sport-loving individuals who contributed to the successful hosting of the West African University Games Table Tennis, Athletics and Tennis Championship, which took place between the 20th and 30th October 2010.



We cannot but mention support of Ondo State Government, under the leadership of His Excellency Dr. Olusegun Mimiko, that presented the institution with the cheque of ₦5 million, while promising to continue to render further assistance to the University. Other organisations that made their impact felt were Union Bank of Nigeria Plc, United Bank for Africa Plc, Alfa Printing Nigeria Limited/Tiretyte West Africa Ltd, MTN Communications, Funman Juice Limited and Coca-Cola Nigeria Plc.

2010 FUTA CONVOCATION

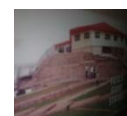


The Combined 21st and 22nd Convocation Ceremonies of the University took place on the 20th November 2010. The University's Management wishes to extend its appreciation to all staff and students of the institution who contributed in one

way or the other through their selfless services and cooperation in making the Convocation Ceremony a huge success.

NEW PROJECTS COMMISSIONED

As part of activities marking the Combined 21st and 22nd Convocation Ceremonies of the University, various projects have been commissioned. The projects include: School of Management Technology (SMAT) Building, Postgraduate Research Laboratory 1 and II, Two-in-one Lecture Theatre, Electrical and Electronics and workshops.



Others include Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) Hilltop Auditorium, Postgraduate Hostel,

FUTA Wildlife Sanctuary and Kachalla Quarters.

ALUMNI MATTERS

ALUMNI HOME-COMING 2010



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffs*, at the Alumni home-coming which took place on the 18th November 2010 at

T. I. Francis Auditorium called on the Alumni Association to help the University in their quest for academic and infrastructural growth.

According to him, Alumni Associations have a great role to play in the development of all sectors of the University. He added that Nigerian graduates should always remember their *alma-mater*. He said it was in recognition of the roles alumni

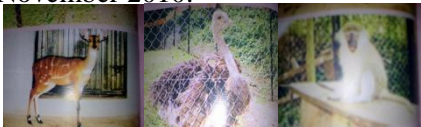
association could play that made the University to initiate the Alumni home-coming programme. The Union would provide an opportunity for the products of the institution to visit their *alma-mater* to see how their institution was fairing.

He also charged the alumni to be alive to their responsibilities by contributing their quota towards the overall development of their *alma-mater*, because the institution which has successfully prepared and trained them for life should also be assisted to train others yet unborn. Hence, students who have successfully passed through a particular institution owe it as a duty to give back to the system out of the abundance they had acquired.

TOWN AND GOWN

FUTA/AKURE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CHAIRMAN COMMENDS FUTA ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

The Chairman FUTA/Akure Community partnership, Chief Reuben Fasoranti, has commended the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) for setting up a Zoological Garden. The elder statesman said that he was impressed with what he saw on his visit to the garden with some members of the FUTA/Akure Community Partnership. He, however, emphasized the need to open up the place to the general public. The Zoological Garden was commissioned during the Combined 21st and 22nd Convocation Ceremonies on 20th November 2010.



Animals already available in the Park are antelope, ostrich, monkey, parrots, tantalus, baboon and crocodiles among several others. The Head of the Department of Wildlife and Ecotourism, Professor Ebenezer Agbelusi while commending the University Management for its

assistance added that the animals on site were donated to the University.

FUTA STUDENT UNION GETS BUS

The University Management has donated an 18-seater bus to the FUTA Students' Union (FUTASU). Presenting the bus to the students, the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, *ffs*, remarked that the gesture came because of the good behaviour of the students' leaders. While commending the Union for being good ambassadors of the University, the Vice-Chancellor urged them to make good use of the bus and strictly for its intended purpose.

TEST TRANSMISSION BEGINS AT FUTA RADIO

The FUTA Radio 93.1FM has begun test transmission. The radio station located at the Senate Building of the University was part of efforts aimed at enhancing the technological advancement of the country. The test transmission runs 24 hours daily.



GOWON BAGS HONORARY DEGREE

Former Head of State, Gen. Yakubu Gowon, *Ph.D*, and Prof. Akin L. Mabogunje have been conferred with Doctor of Management Technology and Doctor of Environmental Technology (Honoris Causa) of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, respectively during the Combined 21st and 22nd Convocation Ceremonies of the University.



General Gowon, while responding on behalf of the recipients, said that the University has contributed to the nation's development through the various relevant researches conducted.

The former Head of State emphasized also that Nigerians are waiting to see how FUTA would help in solving the electricity problems of the country. He also urged government to equip universities of technology with materials needed for research.

NIM INAUGURATES FUTA CHAPTER

History was made on December 7th 2010, when the National President and Chairman



of Council, Nigeria Institute of Management, Dr. (Mrs.) Sally N. Adukwu- Bolujoko, *FNIM*, inaugurated the FUTA Chapter of the Institute. According to the Chairman of the Chapter, Barrister Olatunji, in his opening address, the idea of having a Chapter of the Institute in FUTA was conceived by the immediate past Director of Establishment & Human Resources, Mr. A.W.O. Attoye, but much was not accomplished before his retirement. But early in the year, the idea came up again with the determination to ensure the take-off of the Chapter, by the Registrar of the University, Dr. (Mrs.) E. F. Oyebade, *mni*.

The pioneer Executives were sworn in by the National President of the Institute in the presence of the Chairman of South West Zone, Chief (Mrs.) Remi Oyewole Makele, *FNIM*, *FIMC*, and other members of Ondo State Chapter. FUTA Development News wishes FUTA NIM Chapter Executives a successful tenure of office.

BEWARE OF HIV/AIDS

The world's deadliest virus is spreading rapidly, killing millions of people so painfully. Rigorous efforts

are needed to eliminate this virus which is known as HIV. Despite so much funding and research, it still spreads sporadically without geographical limitation. To be on the safe side, everyone must refrain from unprotected sexual acts and remain faithful and loyal with their spouses. It is time to abide by the principle of marriage instead of engaging in fornication and adultery. Drug abuse, using unsterilized needles, and sharp rusty metal objects facilitate the infection which poses a great threat to our society. We must take the challenge seriously and passionately create necessary awareness. FUTADEV implores readers to spread the news and not the virus.

LECTURES

CONVOCATION LECTURE

This year's convocation lecture titled *Bridging the Gap and Unleashing the Genius: The Challenge of Universities of Technology in Nigeria* was delivered by Prof. Akin L. Mabogunje, Chancellor Bell University of Technology, Ota on Friday, 19th November, 2010. The Lecturer emphasized on the national expectation of Universities of Technology, the importance of taking the stock, the nature and transformation of the Nigerian geniuses. He further stressed the need to create the enabling environment for the transformation of the challenges of University of Technology to solve the national problems.

CHAOS IS HEALTHY- Professor Ibiyinka Fuwape

The 60th Inaugural Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Akure was delivered on 7th of December, 2010 at the University Auditorium. The theme of the lecture

was "CHAOS: THE DYNAMICS OF CREATION". According to Professor Ibiyinka Agboola Fuwape, the inaugural lecturer, her presentation was the second from the Department of Physics and first from the Organisation of Women in Science for the Developing World (TWOWS/OWSDW).

In her lecture, Professor (Mrs.) Fuwape declared that chaos was the starting point of everything at the beginning of creation. She emphasised that oscillatory phenomena pervades the entire world; Physics is also full of oscillatory phenomena. Therefore, the study of dynamical behaviour of oscillating systems is a central issue in Physics. She stated that chaotic oscillatory behaviour exists in almost all scientific disciplines, including arts and music, and declared that chaotic oscillatory motion have potential utility for analysis and explanation in all scientific field.

The eminent academic stressed that it is healthy to be chaotic, and that the dynamics of a healthy physiological system has been shown to be chaotic. She concluded that chaos is present in the body by God's special design and can be used as tools in the medical diagnosis.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ETISALAT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2010

Ten students of the Federal University of Technology, Akure have benefited from Etisalat Annual Scholarship Award 2010. The presentation ceremony took place in Lagos on Friday 3rd December 2010.

The focus of the award is on second and third year students in any Nigerian University. The award was divided into two categories namely Merit Awards and Indigene Awards. Accordingly, 4 awards were given to students in the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, while 3 awards were given to students from

Computer Engineering and 3 awards for Management Technology students.

In all 7 students shared Merit awards and 3 students for Indigene of the State where the University is located. Each award carried ₦100,000.00 per session.

NIIT SCHOLARSHIP FOR FUTA STUDENT

The Akure Centre of NIIT awarded full scholarship to one of the students of the University, Makinde Adebayo Phillip, a 200-level student. He was to be trained in MCITP (Microsoft Certified IT Professional). The scholarship took immediate effect.

ADMISSION

NEW COURSES BEGIN IN FUTA

FUTA has commenced degree programmes in the following three courses after approval had been given to her by the NUC:

- B. Tech Surveying and Geo-Informatics (SGI)
- B. Tech Marine Science Technology (MST)
- B. Tech Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems (RSG)

The first undergraduate candidates were admitted for the 2010/2011 academic session.

Admission into these programmes requires that a candidate must have obtained a minimum of 200 at UTME and a minimum score of 60% at FUTA Post-UTME.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON: FROM VC'S TABLE

Dear Readers/Donors,

As the new season rolls in such that we can count the blessings of Almighty God in the life of your good self, your family and in your



businesses, the Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Federal University of Technology, Akure recognize your kind generosity to humanity especially your philanthropic contributions to the nation's educational and economic development. We hereby rejoice with you and your entire family and wish you a merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

We seize the opportunity to reiterate that the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) has continued to be a leading University of Technology in Nigeria. It is one of the most peaceful universities in Nigeria with all its academic programmes fully accredited by both the National University Commission (NUC) and the respective professional bodies in the country. It recently won a "Centre of Excellence" in Food Security, courtesy of the World Bank.

In appreciation of your love and concern for our promising University, we heartily present you **this edition with a letter** to rejoice with you and your entire family. Your generous donations in the years ahead will continue to have a profound impact on our University's teaching, research and development endeavours.

The entire University Community prays that God will continue to protect and bless you and grant you long life.

Once again, we wish you a Happy New Year.

Closed with our highest regards.

(signed)

Prof. Adebisi M. Balogun, ffs
Vice-Chancellor

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**YOU TOO CAN BE
OUR DONOR**

You can be one of our donors today. Your effort to touch the lives of others and make a change is the philosophy of

philanthropy. The Development and Alumni Affairs of FUTA has strategized diverse ways of becoming FUTA DONOR through your meagre income. Your monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual donations for one year and above could be judiciously used for award of prize to the best student in any area of your interest in your name in perpetuity. With a large sum, it may be endowed for prizes, scholarships or grants in perpetuity.

Please walk into any of the corporate organizations in Ondo State and pick a copy of our brochure and donation form, and pay any amount you can afford to **Union Bank of Nigeria Plc, Alagbaka, Akure Account No.: 031-104-000-0307, FUTA**. No amount is too small or too big. It may be cash or kind.

Furthermore, you can donate cash, bequest, prize scholarship, grant, books, vehicles, equipment or strategic physical project branded in your name in perpetuity.

Thank you for helping the helpless, the most brilliant indigent students.

MEET & GREET PROGRAMME

The Development and Alumni Affairs of the University promotes "Meet & Greet Programme" in the institution. The program was designed to sensitize and mobilize all FUTA academic and administrative staff on Corporate Volunteering for the University development. The programme extends to all students for sensitization and mobilization on their roles on prospect cultivation, solicitation and stewardship.

Some Boards of Schools have been visited, namely School of Earth and Mineral Sciences (SEMS), School of Environmental Technology, (SET) and School of Sciences (SOS) while the Development and Alumni Affairs has been contacted for diverse professional

advice on School's and departmental fundraising programmes.

The programme is a continuous exercise for the development of the institution.

PHOTOS SPEAK



1. The Vice-Chancellor addresses the participants at the National Workshop on Technological Invention and Innovation held in FUTA, 13 – 15 Dec., 2010
2. The Director of DTCA presents the Certificate to the Dean of post-graduate School as the best Centre for Research and Development
3. Prof. O. Bamiro, Chairman of Pan-African Competitiveness Forum, ECOWAS and guest speaker, presents the certificate to the Chairman of LOC of the National Workshop
4. The VC addresses the guests at the opening of IPPT office
5. FUTA's stand at the exhibition for national Workshop
6. FUTA displays her equipment
7. FUTA's fabricated products
8. The scenery of FUTA from CCE tophill
9. FUTA's aerial view

FUTA ALUMNI ELECTS NATIONAL EXECUTIVES

The Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) held their convention

on Saturday 11th December 2010. During the re-union, the election was conducted for appointment of new executive members. The Development and Alumni Office supervised the election which was free and fair. At the end of the exercise, the following officers were duly elected to run the affairs of the FUTA Alumni Association at national level for the next two years:

- Mr. A. J. Adelokun - *President*
- Mr. I. Mokweenye - *Vice- President*
- Mr. S. A. Bobadoye- *Secretary*
- Mr. A. A. Olaitan - *Asst. Secretary*
- Mr. O. Ummnade - *Treasurer*
- Mr. O. D. Jimson - *Financial Secretary*
- Mr. A. B. Abodunde - *Public Relations*
- Mr. F. M. Ayinla - *Auditor*

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