



# FUTA NEWS

## **STUDENTS MARK international GIS DAY**

The graduating set of the Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System (RSG) Department of the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA) joined the rest of the World to mark the 2017 International GIS Day set aside by the United Nations to draw attention to the importance of Geospatial Information to better understanding of the Universe. The students as part of the activities to commemorate the day paid the vice chancellor a courtesy visit, intimating him of the activities to mark the 2017 annual day celebration, and the programme titled GEOSPATIAL EXPLORATION FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. Leading the team Mr. Oke Bamidele said the event is an annual one and has been on-going for 18 years. He said GIS day provides an international forum for users of GIS technology to demonstrate real world applications that are making a difference in the society.

He also added that GIS day is a day to celebrate GIS with everyone, discover and explore benefits of GIS, showcase the uses of GIS and build and nurture a GIS community. In his response, the Vice-Chancellor who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor [Academics], Professor Olatunde Arayela lauded the efforts of the students and encouraged them to key into the benefits of GIS and related technology in order to become its light bearers. Professor Arayela said GIS technology has not been fully utilized in this part of the world. He was optimistic that with the development the future was bright for the students and he assured them that they would go places.