

## FUT Babura Seeks Partnership with Sule Lamido University Kafin Hausa



Host VC, Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Yakasai (1<sup>st</sup> right) of SLU giving a souvenir to visiting VC, Prof. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu of FUT Babura



Host VC, Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Yakasai of SLU handing over a similar souvenir to FUTB Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed (1<sup>st</sup> right)

The Management of Federal University of Technology, (FUTB) Babura has paid a courtesy visit to its sister University, Sule Lamido University (SLU) Kafin Hausa on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The host Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Ibrahim Yakasai, fcasson, mnae, was on hand to welcome them.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor FUTB, Professor Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu who led the team to SLU, said the purpose of the visit was to promote fraternal relations as well as tour existing infrastructures and

services such as the Senate Building, as part of experience sharing, given that the younger FUT Babura is in the process of putting up similar infrastructures and services.

The FUTB Management were also in SLU to congratulate Professor M.I. Yakasai on his new appointment as the third Vice Chancellor of the University. They also hoped to initiate discussion on a partnership between the two sister Universities in the areas of research, staff training and



Visiting FUTB Management pose with their host: (from right) DVC, Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu; Bursar, Malam Ibrahim Alhassan; VC, Prof. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu; host VC, Prof. Ibrahim Mohammed Yakasai; Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed; Librarian, Prof. Atiku Abashe Maidabino and Ag. Director, Physical Planning Unit, QS. Shehu Adamu



FUTB Librarian, Prof. Atiku Abashe Maidabino, bends to inspect the e-catalog during tour of SLU's Haruna Wakili library as the SLU University Librarian Dr. Abdulqadir Idris (second from right) explains the workings of the library to the FUTB VC (1<sup>st</sup> left); Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed and DVC, Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu and other members of the Team

Development as well as exchange of information and ideas on areas of common interest. Responding, the Vice Chancellor SLU, Professor M. I. Yakasai,

Highpoint of the visit was a tour round some facilities of the University. Places visited included the Haruna Wakili Library including e-Library Unit, the Senate Building; Faculties of Computing and Information Technology, Agriculture and Natural Resources Management and the ongoing construction of the permanent University Library.

commended FUTB for the visit and pledged the commitment of his administration to make sure the partnership works for the development of the two Universities.

### *One Day Training for Members of the Senate*

## **FUTB ACADEMIC PLANNING UNIT COMMENDED**

The Vice Chancellor Federal University of Technology Babura has commended the effort of the Academic Planning Unit (APU), for organizing a one day in house training for Senate members. The Vice Chancellor, speaking through the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu, appreciated the effort of the Director Academic Planning in particular for a job well done, at the opening of the one day training on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024. He added that it was “a good initiative that will enhance and promote the cultivation of a fertile academic environment.”



(Standing) Prof. Sulaiman Yusuf Mudi, Director Academic Planning (DAP) presenting the first paper.

The first presentation was by Prof Suleiman Yusuf Mudi, the Director Academic Planning (DAP) entitled, *The Proper Channel of Communication as Essential Ingredient for Effective Administration and Management in the University Environment*. The paper dwelt on the power of communication: its role, impact and how to manage communications efficiently to achieve organizational goals.



(Standing) Dr. Yau Datti, Dean Students Affairs, also presenting his paper.

The Second presenter was Ya'u Datti PhD., Dean Students Affairs, who spoke on *The Roles and Functions of HODs and Deans as Chief Examiners in a University Setting* starting with an overview of the roles and functions of Deans and HODs, especially as Chief Examiners in the University system. According to him, examinations are tools for "assessment of efforts made by school or department in dissemination of knowledge and skills and also the extent of assimilation by students". He listed the qualities of good chief examiners, so that if everyone plays their roles, "it will give students and teachers the opportunity to understand where their weaknesses may be, in time for the preparation of the next semester/session. This will ensure that students better their performance and achieve incremental growth". In his opinion, a "chief examiner is by far the most important academic office in the university setting as he is trying to ensure the integrity and protect the image (face) of the University".



Prof Atiku Abashe Maidibino, the University Librarian, presenting the third paper.

The Third and final presentation was by Prof. Atiku Abashe Maidabino, the University Librarian, entitled *Impact of Proper Records Management in the University System*. In his introduction he compared records to human beings: they "are born, nurtured, matured and they die". According to Prof. Atiku, "the significance of records lies in their role in providing evidence, supporting decision-making, and ensuring accountability, preserving institutional memory, facilitating audit and compliance and enabling efficient business processes". The paper concluded by proposing a Harmonized Model for Records Management at Federal University of Technology, Babura.

At the end of the presentations there was an interactive session between the Senate members and the facilitators. Other principal officers present were the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed **nni** amongst others.



The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Bala Sidi Aliyu represented the Vice Chancellor, at the One Day Training for Members of the Senate

## Physics Researcher Calls on the Federal & Kebbi State Govts to Exploit Precious Minerals Potential

*...raises alarm on arsenic poisoning of water, illegal gold mining by outlaws*

The Federal and Kebbi State governments have been alerted to the huge foreign exchange revenue inherent in mining precious minerals in Kebbi State. They are also urged to hasten and tap it so as to boost both their foreign exchange earnings and internally generated revenue.

Dr. Abdullahi Bello, Head of the Physics Department, and acting Dean, School of Science, Communication and Information Technology of the Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State, made the call while presenting a seminar paper that gave results arising from a mineral exploration expedition undertaken seven years earlier for a Master's degree project, in the remote forests of Kebbi State.



Dr. Abdullahi Bello, Head of the Physics Department, and acting Dean School of Science, Communication and Information Technology of FUTB, presenting his seminar paper on possible availability of minerals in remote forests of Kebbi state.

He urged the Federal and Kebbi State Governments to put the necessary machinery in motion to make it easy for entrepreneurs to exploit the potentially abundant deposits of Uranium, Thorium and Arsenic in the Kebbi forests.

The paper, entitled *The Exploration for U, Th, Bi and Other Elements from Outcrops Promising Deposits*, was delivered on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at the Vice Chancellor's Board Room, FUTB Temporary Campus. Analysis showed that very

high levels of Uranium, Thorium, Arsenic and Nickel were found in the soil samples that were collected during the expedition. The paper also revealed that there was a global demand for these minerals because of their application in the nuclear energy, electricity, steel, glass and related industries.



The audience listening to the paper, *The Exploration for U, Th, Bi and Other Elements from Outcrops Promising Deposits*

Dr. Bello pointed out that whereas Uranium's normal distribution in the earth crust is 2.7 parts per million (ppm), it was 843, 63 and 67ppm in samples A, B and D respectively. Furthermore, he added, Thorium's normal distribution is 10.7ppm and it was found to be 406 and 534 in samples A and D respectively. The research team had the coordinates of each soil sample that were examined using Proton induced X-ray Emitting (PIXE) technique in which a concentrated stream of protons (from hydrogen atoms whose electrons have been stripped off), was directed at the homogenized and pelleted samples, sending their atoms into an excited state; thus as they return to a normal state, each mineral emitted a signature radiation that was detected to denote not just the presence but the concentration of the mineral in the sample.

The paper also raised two alarms: one, the seepage of arsenic, a highly toxic chemical into the underground and surface water systems that kills both human and animal lives; and two, the presence of illegal gold miners made up of non-Nigerians, criminals and fugitives from justice in the remote jungle that was only accessible in not less than two hours on motorcycle trails.

The researcher strongly advocated action by the relevant regulatory and security agencies to stop the illegal miners poisoning water systems and from stealing gold; and also to stop the forest being a hiding place for foreigners, fugitives from justice and other criminals, that had over the years, transformed into kidnappers, bandits and other criminal groups threatening the lives and livelihoods of the rural communities of Kebbi State.

Dr. Bello shared some of their experiences especially the difficulties they faced in gaining the trust of the illegal miners, who did background checks before allowing them access to the sites for sample collection. Their lives were at high risk during the whole research period, he concluded.

Present during the presentation were the Director Academic Planning, Prof. Suleiman Yusuf Mudi, other Directors and HODs

## FUTB Ready to Collaborate with the Federal Roads Safety Corps (FRSC) - VC

The Vice Chancellor Federal University of Technology Babura, Professor Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu has expressed the University's readiness to collaborate with the FRSC and share whatever resources it could with the sister federal agency.

Welcoming the Commander of the newly created Babura Unit Command, S.B. Bargumo who led a team of five FRSC officials on the courtesy call to the FUTB, the Vice Chancellor said that the institution would work closely with the Command especially in the areas of recruitment and training of drivers.



VC Prof. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu responding to the address by the Federal Roads Safety Corps (FRSC) Team

He noted that once recruitment into the Special Marshal programme resumes, interested staff of the institution would volunteer since it was a form of community service that would contribute to the career progression of all staff, particularly the teaching staff.

Introducing their mission to the FUTB earlier, the Unit Commander, S.B. Bargumo, said they sought to establish a close working relationship and identify areas of collaboration with the University, which they look up to and regard as a seat of learning and research.

Specifically, he offered to provide training to the University staff in need, especially drivers, on rules of driving and general road usage, adding that special lessons could be given to drivers of principal officers [and of course to all other drivers] on executive driving, covering professional conduct and ethics of driving principal officers, etc.

The Unit Commander also availed the services of the agency to the University whenever the latter recruited drivers in which instance, the Command may occasionally seek resource support from the University, for example, a temporary loan of an ambulance for rescue operations.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor agreed that research into causes of accidents was

indeed an area of collaboration as already highlighted by the Commander.

The FRSC Unit Commander was accompanied by Auwalu Baffa, Ag. Unit Head of Operations; Micheal Usman, FSO; Kamaru Rabiul Khalil, OPS and Hadi Inuwa Ringim, Pilot Driver while on the VC's team receiving the visitors were the Principal Officers of the University: the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu; the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed *mini*; the Bursar, Malam Ibrahim Alhassan; the University Librarian, Prof. Atiku Abashe Maidabino and the Establishment Secretary, Aliyu Hassan Salihu.



(1<sup>st</sup> left) FRSC Unit Commander S.B. Bargumo, Auwalu Baffa, Ag. Unit Head of Operations and (first right) Micheal Usman, FSO

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Visitors and hosts pose for group photo

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## ANNOUNCEMENT



### FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BABURA, JIGAWA STATE, NIGERIA

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

#### Internal Memo

<b>From:</b> DVC	<b>To:</b> The University Community
<b>Ref:</b> FUTB/DVC/009	<b>Date:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> February, 2024

#### MOVEMENT TO THE PERMANENT CAMPUS

Sequel to a decision of the Principal Officers meeting under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, I write to inform the University Community that, from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor will be relocating to the Permanent Campus of the University along Kano Road. All correspondences and issues arising from academic units on the Permanent Campus should be directed to the DVC's temporary office located at the School of Science, Information and Communication Technology.

Thank you.

**SIGNED**

**Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu**  
DVC

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**MEASURES TO CURTAIL THE LEAKAGE OF SENSITIVE OFFICIAL INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS IN MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (MDA)**

It has been observed with dismay, the increase in the cases of leakage of sensitive official documents in Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA). This is very embarrassing to the government and therefore unacceptable.

2. As part of the efforts to curb this undesirable development, all Permanent Secretaries are to fast-track the migration to the digitalized workflow system and ensure effective deployment of the Enterprise Content Management (ECM) Solution. This will reduce physical contacts with official documents thereby checking the increasing incidence of leakage and circulation of same.

3. Furthermore, Permanent Secretaries are advised to strongly warn all staff against leaking and circulating official information and documents. Any officer caught engaged in such unbecoming act will be severely dealt with in line with the relevant provisions of the Public Service Rules and other extant circulars. This circular therefore reinforces the circular on "Unauthorised Circulation of Official Documents/Information On Social Media" Ref. No. HCSF/3063/Vol.I/94 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021; and other regulations prohibiting unauthorized disclosure/leakage of official documents.

4. Permanent Secretaries are to ensure strict compliance with the contents of this circular and draw the attention of the heads of the agencies under their supervision to same.

**signed**

Dr. Folasade Yemi-Esan, CFR  
Head of Civil Service of the Federation

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## Support the Planting of Trees and their Nurture.....

- As cool shed for present and future generations
- As protection against sandstorms and rainstorms threat to roofs
- As protection from winds that strip away agricultural top soil
- As protection against rainstorms that worsen erosion
- As fruit trees for nutritional fruits that also supplement incomes

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