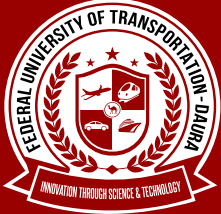


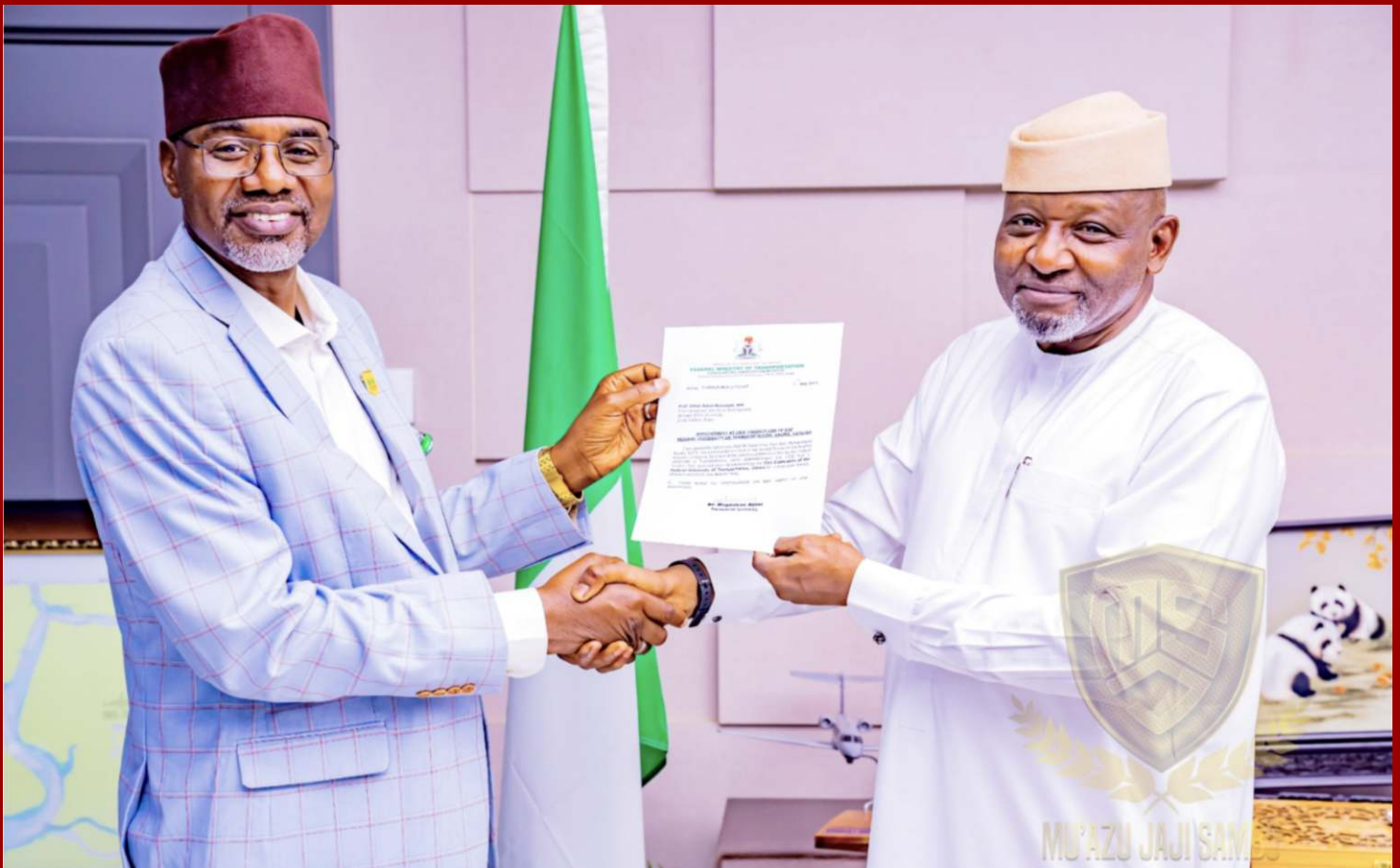
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# VISION, MISSION, PHILOSOPHY AND CORE VALUES OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TRANSPORTATION, DAURA



**T**he Federal University of Transportation Daura (FUTD) is expected to be equipped with interdisciplinary expertise necessary to address the challenges of an ever-evolving Transportation Ecosystem. In order to effectively address such challenges, the following Vision, Mission, Philosophy and Core Values Statements which will continue to guide the University in formulating its policies and renewing or reviewing its planning strategy will therefore be adopted.

## **i. Motto**

Innovation Through Science and Technology.

## **ii. Vision**

Federal University of Transportation Daura shall be a World-class University and Centre of Excellence with proficiency in Transportation Industry using high quality facilities and multi-disciplinary approaches.

## **iii. Mission**

To be a leading Specialized University for academic excellence and innovations to establish and foster National and Regional integration in the area of Transportation Technology in order to meet the needs and challenges of Transportation Industry in Nigeria and West African Sub-region.

## **iv. Philosophy**

The Federal University of Transportation Daura rich cultural heritage and values will guide its quest for establishing expertise in emerging transportation systems and enabling technologies to improve competitiveness to provide critical needs in transportation ecosystem.

The philosophy of the Federal University of Transportation Daura is expected to be achieved through the following actions:

- a. Regeneration and promotion of the culture of dedication, honesty, and sincerity in the development of knowledge and human capacity;

- b. Development of well-structured academic curricula and corresponding disciplines that address critical areas of need;
- c. Provision of facilities and infrastructure that will enable conducive and uninterrupted teaching, learning and research;
- d. Provision of relevant state of the art laboratories and workshops for responsive research and development and efficient service delivery;
- e. Promotion of basic, applied, market-driven and industry-demand research through adequate funding and collaboration with private and public organizations, institutions, agencies, and other relevant stakeholders from within Nigeria and beyond;
- f. Development and deployment of the next generation of transportation systems to cater for the needs of Nigeria and West African sub-region; and
- g. Production of knowledgeable and highly skilled graduates that will be a change agent in the society in respect to Transportation Industry.

## **v. Core Values**

The Federal University of Transportation Daura shall be guided by the following core values:

- a. Innovativeness and Creativity;
- b. Integrity;
- c. Professionalism; and
- d. Service to Humanity.

## **vi. Colour of the University**

The colour of the University is red brown.



# FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TRANSPORTATION GETS PIONEER VICE-CHANCELLOR

**P**rofessor Umar Adam Katsayal, mni has been appointed as the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State by the former President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR.

The appointment was conveyed on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in a letter signed by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Dr. Magdalene Ajani on behalf of the President and issued to the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor by immediate past Minister of Transportation, Mu'azu Jaji Sambo.

According to the letter, the appointment of Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal is for a period of five years, effective from the date he assumes duty, in line with the University's Establishment Act, 2022, Part 1 Section 3(6).

Congratulating the new Vice-Chancellor, the Minister of Transportation, Mu'azu Jaji Sambo charged him to run the University with the vision that birthed it, bearing in mind the three mandates of universities across the globe - teaching, research and community service.

Born on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1970 in Katsayal, the Daura Local Government Area, presently Sandamu Local Government Area of Katsina State, Prof. Katsayal obtained his first degree in Botany from the prestigious Bayero University Kano before proceeding to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria where he won his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Pharmacognosy.

Even before the commencement of his one-year mandatory National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), the Professor has been a Machine Operator, Spinning Department Textiles Limited, Funtua, Nigeria between 1990 and 1991; Classroom Teacher, Yakawada Primary School, Sandamu Local Govt., Katsina State between 1992 and 1994 and a Voluntary Teacher at G.D.S.S. Katsayal, Katsina State between 1992 and 1997.

After his NYSC in 1997, he then started a lecturing job with the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State in 1998, the work he is still on. Between 1998 to date, Prof, Umar Adam Katsayal has held many academic and administrative positions within and outside Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and has supervised many undergraduate and postgraduate students and mentored many younger colleagues.



**Receiving the appointment letter from the Hon Minister of Transportation, Alh. Mu'azu Sambo Jaji conveying the approval of the President, Muhammdu Buhari, GCFR for the position of Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura**

He has held positions including In-charge, Departmental Medicinal Garden from 1999 to-date; Assistant Department Examination Officer between 2000 and 2004; In-charge, Departmental Field Trip Programme between 2003 and 2015; Faculty Orientation Officer between 2005 and 2010, Member, Ahmadu Bello University Senate between 2008 and 2010; and ABU Senate Representative to Institute of Agricultural Research Professional and Academic Board between 2008 and 2010.

Similarly, Prof. Katsayal was a Faculty Alumni Officer, ABU from 2016 to-date; Member, ABU Advancement Committee from 2017 to-date; and Member, ABU Gender Policy Advisory Committee from 2017 to-date.

Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal has also been a Chairman, Member and Secretary of various Committees within and outside Universities; attended many local and international conferences and has published many papers in peer reviewed journals, conference proceedings, books, manuals and newspapers/magazines.

Prof. Katsayal has affiliation with many Professional bodies such as Botanical Society of Nigeria (BOSON); Nigerian Society of Pharmacognosy (NSP); West African Society for Pharmacognosy (WASP); African Society for Toxicological Science (ASTS); Biotechnology Society of Nigeria (BSN); Neuroscience Society of Nigeria (NSN); International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) and Association of Civic Enlightenment of Nigeria.

Prof. Umar Katsayal was a member of the House of Representatives during the 7th Assembly, where he represented Daura/Maiadua/Sandamu Federal Constituency under the defunct Congress for Progressive Change (CPC).

During his stay at the House of Representatives, he had

sponsored Six Bills and participated in sponsoring Four others, Nine of which are now Acts of the National Assembly.

Moreover, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal is a Member of the National Institute (mni) and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Local Government and Public Administration of Nigeria.

The Professor of Pharmacognosy and Drug Development has distinguished himself among his fellows by being very vast in computer as he attended some recognized computer trainings in Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, Power Point among others.

Prof. Katsayal's hobbies are reading, travelling and community service.

## PROF. KATSAYAL ASSUMES DUTY, PAYS FACILITY VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY

**T**he newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Transportation, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal mni has on 8th May, 2023 assumed duty as the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Immediately he assumed duty, the Professor of Pharmacognosy and Drug Development had on Monday, 15th May, 2023 paid a facility visit to the University in order to see for himself, the level of preparedness for the take-off of the University.

Addressing the Vice-Chancellor, the Project Manager, China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) Nig. Ltd., Mr. Sun Yishi stated that the first phase of the University had already been completed with 5 buildings which included two blocks of eight lecture rooms and eight Laboratories/workshops each, one staff dormitory containing forty self-contained rooms and one student dormitory containing 36 rooms of four students each.

Others according to him were the University Cafeteria, two Auditoriums, basketball court and football field.

He added that all the buildings were connected to the University's main generator which was the only source of light in the University, adding that air conditioners were also supplied and were ready for installation.

"On the issue of water supply, the buildings were connected to the 78,000 cubic meter water overhead tank already installed in the University".



**Engr. Muhammad Ali, Project Manager, Team Nigeria Ltd Consultant Briefing the VC and His Team During Their Visit**

Highlighting more on the projects of the University, the Project Manager, Team Nigeria Ltd. Consultant, Engr. Muhammad Ali stated that the second phase of the University had not yet commenced but would cater for other needs of the University to include 7 buildings i.e. 4 more students' dormitories, 1 staff dormitory, administrative block and library.

Responding, the new Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal mni commended the efforts of the company for constructing solid structures that could withstand all kinds of pressures.

He observed that two most important buildings that were not captured in the first phase were the University Library and Administrative Block.





The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal During His First Visit to the University

He urged the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) Nig. Ltd. to fast track the construction of the two buildings for proper take off of academic activities in the newly established University.

He further cautioned the company to demarcate the entire land allocated to the University as contained in the Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) before the fencing of the University to avoid encroachment of the University's land.

"There is also the need to construct a paved walkway linking the buildings of the University in order to ease movement of staff and students", the VC emphasized.

It could be recalled that the CCECC Nig. Ltd. is constructing the University to Nigeria at no cost as

part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for being awarded many contracts by the Nigerian government. It was also part of the agreement that the Company would maintain the University for 5 years after commencement of activities.

Professor Umar Adam Katsayal was accompanied by some resource persons who were there for advises and guidance.



**There is also need to construct a linking road between the buildings of the University in order to ease movement of staff and students**



The VC, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Being Briefed by the Project Manager CCECC, Mr. Sun on the University's Plan



VC, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni interacting with CCECC Nig. Ltd. Representatives on Assumption of Duty





**The VC, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Touring the well furnished Class Rooms of the University**



**Site Engineer, Mr. Sun Briefing the VC and His Team During the Tour of the University**



**The VC, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Going Round the University with His Team**



**The VC, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, Site Engineers and Members of His Team During the Visit**





Project Manager CCECC, Mr. Sun Briefing the VC During His Visit



The VC Briefing the Project Managers on Site



Main Gate/Entrance of the University



Main Entrance of the University



Tarred Roads Linking all Buildings at the University





**Front View of Staff Dormitory**



**Side View of Staff Dormitory**



**Inside View of Staff Dormitory Block**



**Inner View of the Staff Self-Contained Room**



**Staff Apartment's Toilet & Bathroom**





**Front View of Students' Dormitory**



**Separate Bathroom at Students' Self-Contained Dormitory**



**4 Students' Self-Contained Dormitory with Two Double Beds**



**Separate Toilet at Students' Self-Contained Dormitory**





One of the Unset Laboratories of the University



Wash Hand Basins in the Toilets Attached to the Block of Classrooms



Blocks of Eight Lecture Rooms and Eight Laboratories



One of the Toilet Seats fixed in the Toilets Attached to the Block of Classrooms



Terrace View of Staff Dormitory Block





Front View of University Cafeteria



Marble Tables and Benches at the University Cafeteria



Kitchen Sink at the University Cafeteria



Tarred Road Linking Cafeteria and Staff and Students' Dormitories





**Football Field at the University's Permanent Site**



**Basketball Court at the Permanent Site of the University**



**The New VC in a Group Photograph with CCECC Staff and Members of His Team**



# FMT INAUGURATES FUTD INTERIM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Dr. Magdalene Ajani (1st Left) Inaugurating Members of FUTD IMC

**T**he Federal Ministry of Transportation (FMT) has inaugurated an Interim Management Committee (IMC) for the Federal University of Transportation, Daura for its smooth take off.

The inauguration ceremony was held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 in Abuja at the Honourable Minister's Conference Room, Federal Ministry of Transportation about a month before the appointment of Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni as the Pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Inaugurating members of the Committee on behalf of the Minister, the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Dr. Magdalene Ajani welcomed members of the Committee to the Ministry.

She then commended and acknowledged the supports of Messrs CCECC Nig. Ltd. and Messrs TEAM Nig. Ltd. toward the realization of the establishment

of the first and only University of Transportation in Nigeria.

"Other companies being contracted by Nigerian Government need to imitate the two companies that are jointly constructing the University under their Corporate Social Responsibility", she stressed.

While briefing members of the Committee on the status of the infrastructure at the University following the Ministerial visit, Dr. Magdalene Ajani also commended Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni for collaborating with the two companies to make sure that the physical structures in the University were solid and constructed without any delay.

"His effort to secure the needed legislature for the University's operation is highly commendable", she said.



After inaugurating members of the Committee, the Permanent Secretary expressed the desire of the Ministry for the University to commence academic activities in September, 2023.

Dr. Magdalene Ajani then read the terms of reference of the Committee to include: Curriculum Development; Development of Academic Brief; Development of Staff Recruitment Procedures; Development of Admission Criteria; and Development of Admission Policy.

She then urged members of the Committee to work assiduously in order to make sure that the target for the commencement of academic activities in September, 2023 is met, giving the Committee four weeks to complete its assignment.

Speaking on behalf of the Committee, the Chairman, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni expressed delight over the confidence the Ministry reposed in the members, assuring it that the Committee would not fail in its responsibilities.

He then urged members to cooperate with him as well as work as a team, in order to achieve the objectives with which the Committee was constituted.

Members of the Committee from Federal Ministry of Transportation were Odii N Berry; Dr. (Mrs.) Mercy Ilori O.; Bernard U. Alaeto; Catherine N. Zosi; Edith O. Osuji-Obi while those from Federal Ministry of Education and National Universities Commission were Mrs. R.G. Ilyasu and Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, respectively. Moreover, the Secretariat had Engr. Aso Vincent C. and Jafar Lawal.

**FUTD News Bulletin** reports that the inauguration was also witnessed by the CCECC and TEAM representatives.

“Other companies being contracted by Nigerian Government need to imitate the two companies that are jointly constructing the University under their Corporate Social Responsibility”



Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Dr. Magdalene Ajani (4th Left) in a Group Photograph With Members of the University IMC After Inauguration



# COMMENCEMENT OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER AT FUTD POSSIBLE – SAYS IMC



IMC Members in One of the Furnished Lecture Rooms

**T**he Inter-ministerial Interim Management Committee (IMC) for the smooth take-off of academic activities at Federal University of Transportation, Daura (FUTD) has said that it is possible for the University to commence academic activities in September, 2023.

The Committee made the pronouncement on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023 when it paid a facility visit to the University.

The Inter-ministerial Committee comprised of representatives from the University, National Universities Commission (NUC), Federal Ministry of Education (FME), and Federal Ministry of Transportation (FMT).

The Committee headed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Umar Adam Katsayal, mni was received by the representative of China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC Nigeria Ltd.), Engr. Sun Yishi who is the Project's Site Engineer and representative of Technics, Engineering, Architecture, Marketing (TEAM Nigeria Ltd.), Arc. Mubarak Mustapha.

**FUTD News Bulletin** reports that the CCECC is constructing the University for the Nigerian Government at no cost while while TEAM NIGERIA LTD provides valuable consultancy services on the project as part of its corporate social responsibility.

The University is estimated to gulp the sum of 50,000,000.00 US Dollars which is completely provided pro-bono by the CCECC as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

**FUTD News Bulletin** further reports that the University is to be constructed in two phases, the first phase is to cost 18,000,000.00 US Dollars while the second phase costs 32,000,000.00 US Dollars.

Briefing members of the Committee, the CCECC Project Manager, Engr. Sun Yishi explained that the first phase of the University had been completed with teaching and living areas for staff and students.

He stated that all the 5 buildings under phase 1 including two blocks of eight lecture rooms and eight laboratories/workshops each, one block of staff dormitory containing forty self-contained rooms, one block of student dormitory containing thirty-six rooms



**CCECC and TEAM Representatives Taking Members of IMC Round the University**

of four students each, University Canteen, two Auditoriums, basketball court and football field were 100 percent completed.

In her address, the representative of Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs. R.G. Ilyasu, who is the Director, University Education, in the Ministry, expressed satisfaction with what she saw, saying that the available structures were enough to commence academic activities in what she described as the baby University.

She stated that there was need for the University to make provision of mobility before academic activities could commence in order to ease movement of staff and students.

“Recruitment of staff is also an important aspect in as much as the University plans to meet the target of commencing academic activities in September, 2023. In that regard, a waiver for recruitment has to be obtained from Head of Service of the Federation through the NUC.

“The VC also needs to take full charge of the University by working hard to see that all the basic requirements needed by the NUC are provided, so that all



**CCECC and TEAM Representatives Briefing Members of IMC During Their Visit**

machineries could be set running for the University's proper take-off”, she advised.

In his remark, the NUC representative, Prof. Hafiz Abubakar who is a former Deputy Governor of Kano State and now a visiting Professor with the NUC expressed happiness and satisfaction with what the Committee witnessed, and noted that there shouldn't be any further delay in the commencement of academic activities.

He stated that, “what is most important now is for the Vice-Chancellor to sit and come-up with a workable document that can guide the young university in choosing the right courses to start with, so that priorities are not misplaced.

“Two most important requirements by NUC i.e. library and administrative block are not on ground because they are in the second phase of the University's development, but improvisation could serve as an option for a start.

“Physics, Chemistry and Biology Laboratories must also be available. It is therefore a matter of prioritization in order to secure a waiver from the NUC when it comes for resource verification which is



**CCECC Project Manager, Engr. Sun Yishi Briefing Members of IMC During their Visit**



**IMC Members Meeting with Representatives of CCECC and TEAM During Their Visit**





Prof. Hafiz Abubakar Explaining a Point to the IMC During Their Visit

a must before academic activities can commence.

“Three important aspects are considered during resource verification and they are staff and their offices, classrooms and laboratories as well as library, both the hard and e-library.

“What is available now is more than sufficient for take-off, only that prioritization is paramount and must be taken serious”, he emphasized.

One of the representatives of the Federal Ministry of Transportation, Mrs. Catherine N. Zosi stated that the female dormitory should be fenced in order to give them some privacy as females.

She also emphasized on the need for the provision of mobility for both staff and students before the commencement of academic activities.

On his part, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni thanked the CCECC and TEAM representatives at the site for welcoming his members and for providing quality structures for the institution.

He explained that the University targets 2023/2024 academic session to commence its academic activities, urging the NUC, Ministry of Education and



IMC Members Touring FUTD During Their Visit

Ministry of Transportation to sustain the tempo of assisting him in the right direction for the good of the University and Nigeria.

He stated that the importance of the University could not be overemphasized being it the first in the country and Africa as a whole.

**FUTD News Bulletin** reports that the Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni is the Chairman of the Interim Management Committee.

Members from Federal Ministry of Transportation are Dr. (Mrs.) Mercy Ilori O.; Bernard U. Alaeto; Catherine N. Zosi; Edith O. Osuji-Obi and Mr. Barry N. Odii who is also the Secretary of the IMC. While those from Federal Ministry of Education and National Universities Commission are Mrs. R.G. Ilyasu and Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, respectively. Moreover, the Secretariat have Engr. Aso Vincent C. and Jafar Lawal.

**“What is available now is more than sufficient for take-off, only that prioritization is paramount and must be taken serious”**



Members of IMC Inspecting an Empty Laboratory



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Explaining a Point to His Members During their Visit





**CCECC Representative, Company's Project Manager, Engr. Sun Yishi Briefing Members of IMC in One of the Classrooms of the University**



**Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Addressing NTA During the IMC Visit to FUTD**



**The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni In a Group Photograph with His Well Wishers From Katsayal Community**



**Some Members of IMC During Their Visit**



**Director, University Education, Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs. R.G. Iliyasu Addressing NTA During the IMC Visit**



# EMIR OF DAURA DESCRIBES PROF. KATSAYAL AS AN ADVOCATE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsaya, mni Briefing Emir of Daura, HRH, Umar Farouk Umar on the Essence of His Committee's Visit

**H**is Royal Highness, the Emir of Daura, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar has described the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Transportation as an advocate for human development;

The Emir made the pronouncement at his palace on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023 when he received the University's Interim Management Committee (IMC).

He stated that "We insisted that Prof. Katsayal should be the pioneer VC of the University having known him as a committed and hardworking person whose interest is always on human development.

"He is such a person that when you give a responsibility, you would have nothing to worry about for he is committed and will always make sure that the assignment is carried out efficiently.

"He is a trustworthy person that is not after worldly material gains but rather after what will bring about the needed development and progress in his locality. The University is therefore, very lucky to have him as its leader.

"We insisted that the VC for the newly established University has to be someone who can lay a strong foundation that we will all be proud of.

"We will remain supportive as well as prayerful for his success as his failure is not something we can dissociate ourselves with. He is the son of the soil and would do everything within his power to see that the young University witnesses rapid development", the Emir assured.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Emir that the high-powered delegation was at Daura to see for itself the level of infrastructural development in the University in order to guide and advice on how to properly meet the target of commencing academic activities in September, 2023.

He then expressed delight with how the Committee was received by the Emir and assured him that he would always be contacted for fatherly advice in the course of running the University.

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The VC, Prof. Umar Adam Katsaya, mni in a tete-a-tete with Emir of Daura, HRH, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar



His Royal Highness, Emir of Daura, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni and His Entourage at the Palace of Emir of Daura



Members of Interim Management Committee in a Group Photograph with HRH, Emir of Daura, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar



Emir of Daura, HRH, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar Flanked by Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni and His Close Associate, the Immediate Past Member House of Rep., Representing Kankara, Sabuwa and Faskari, Hon. Murtala Isah



# FUTD EXPLORES COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES WITH NITT

**T**he Federal University of Transportation Daura (FUTD) has made a move to collaborate with the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT), Zaria Kaduna State.

The attempt to explore the collaborative opportunities was made by the University's Interim Management Committee (IMC) on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2023 when it paid a courtesy visit to the Director General of the institute.

According to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni who is also the Chairman of the University's Interim Management Committee constituted by the mother ministry of the institution, Federal Ministry of Transportation, the visit was to create familiarity with the institute as well as come-up with modalities through which collaborations between the two entities could be actualized and made profitable. Adding that, the staff of NITT should not panic or be apprehensive as the University is not a threat to the existence of the Institute as both have separate mandates and are to work closely with each other to advance the course of transportation industry in Nigeria and beyond.

He stated that the idea of establishing the University which is the first of its kind in Nigeria, and Africa as a whole was conceived during the execution of the Lagos – Ibadan railway project, to compliment the Wagon Assembly Plant situated in Kajola, Ogun State.

The VC explained that the whole essence was to transform Nigeria into a knowledge hub for land transport in Africa and also to properly safeguard and sustain the huge investment of the Federal Government in the land transport sector, while addressing the need for a transport-focused education, training and research to compliment the dearth of human capacity in the sector.

According to him, "While attempt was earlier made to make NITT a take-off site for the University, efforts were as well made to sponsor some students who were in their 300 level Civil and Mechanical Engineering to China in order to provide the needed manpower for the baby university.

"The mother ministry for both the FUTD and NITT is Ministry of Transportation. It is a more reason why we need to collaborate and partner for the achievement of the objectives with which both are established.

"NITT has been in existence since 1986. You can imagine the benefits especially the young University stands to benefit with this collaboration. You have the machineries, the expertise, the staffing and what have you, and we are just starting.

"With time, the University will as well service NITT. This collaboration doesn't mean NITT handing over its mandates to the University. No, we all have our purposes, as well as different vision, mission and responsibilities.

"The most important areas we want to collaborate on are areas on curriculum and staff development, laboratories and equipment among others", the VC detailed.

Speaking on behalf of the Director General of the NITT, Dr. Bayero Salih-Farah, the Director of Training of the institute, Engr. Elkana O. Ngbali affirmed to the fact that the NITT had a lot to share with the University in terms of equipment, staff and laboratories.

He stated that all other key players in transportation should be put into consideration such as the NIMASA, Ports Authority and Shippers Council of Nigeria among others, and even the private ones.

He advised that there is the need for proper development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions for proper guidance on how to go about the collaboration and partnership.

Concerning the issue of library, he stated that the NITT has a lot to share with the University considering the importance of research.

He mentioned that the institute has one of the most recent softwares for accessing e-books that are specialized as its programmes are on specific areas of specialization, just like those to be offered by the University.

He said that the institute also has Professionals who could guide the University on equipment to be procured that could serve the purpose for which the University was established.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal then closed the meeting by tasking the NITT to draft a working plan that would guide the collaboration.



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## FUTD TO PARTNER WITH NITDA ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIGITAL LABORATORIES, OTHERS

**T**he Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State under the leadership of Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni is to partner with National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) for the establishment of digital laboratories in the University.

This was contained in a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor of the University dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023 and signed by the Agency's Director General/CEO, Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, CCIE.

According to the letter, the plan to partner with the University was born out of a review of the University's (Establishment, Act, 2022) by the agency.

The Director General/CEO of the Agency, Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, CCIE stated that "the agency is committed to exploring new partnership opportunities that could foster mutual benefit and promote learning in technology".

He further stated that other areas of interest that could foster mutual benefit to both parties were: Provision of NITDA staff as facilitators/visiting lecturers in various fields of Digital Technology for capacity development.

"Joint R&D with the aim of proffering solution to various challenges in transportation industry, such as Security, Ticketing, Inventory Control, Asset Tracking, et cetera.

"Architecting Internet of Things (IoT) based on Data Acquisition (DAQ) and remote monitoring system and provision of technical expertise towards designing and digitalization of processes within the University such as Access Control, IP Surveillance System, Campus Wide Network, among others", he explained.

**FUTD News Bulletin** reports that other areas of mutual interest are expected to be exploited and possibly a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed at a meeting to be held in due course between the Agency and the University.



**The agency is committed to exploring new partnership opportunities that could foster mutual benefit and promote learning in technology**



Mal. Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, CCIE, Director General/CEO, NITDA





Members of the FUTD Interim Management Committee During Their Meeting with NITT Management



Chairman of FUTD IMC, who is also the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni and Mr. Odii N. Barry of Federal Ministry of Transportation, who is also the Secretary of the IMC



Members of the FUTD IMC in a Group Photograph with Some Management Staff of NITT after their Meeting



Some Management Staff of NITT During their Meeting with FUTD Interim Management Committee



Some Members of FUTD IMC During a Meeting with NITT Management





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## **APPRECIATION**

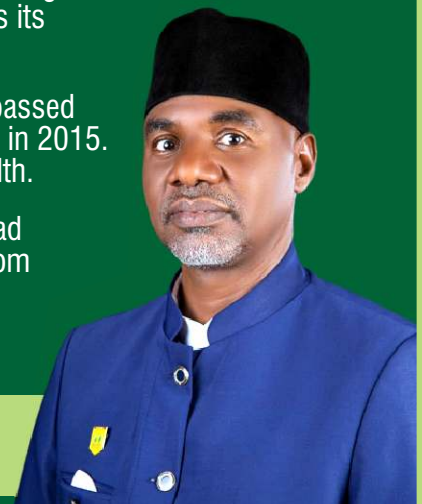
**O**n behalf of myself and my family, I, Professor Umar Adam Katsayal, mni, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State, wish to appreciate His Excellency, the immediate past President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, General Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR for the opportunity he has given me to contribute my own quota to the development of the University as its pioneer Vice-Chancellor.

Your excellency Sir, your performance as President of Nigeria has surpassed our expectations as you have left the country far better than you met it in 2015. It is my prayers that God Almighty will continue to increase you in health.

May God almighty bless your successor, President Asiwaju Bola Ahmad Tinubu with the strength and ability to continue to build this country from where you stopped.

God Bless Federal Republic of Nigeria!

**SIGNED: PROF. UMAR ADAM KATSAYAL, mni**  
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Your coming aboard had renewed the hope of Nigerians. We, therefore, look forward  
to witnessing an unprecedented development under your leadership.

Congratulations Your Excellencies.

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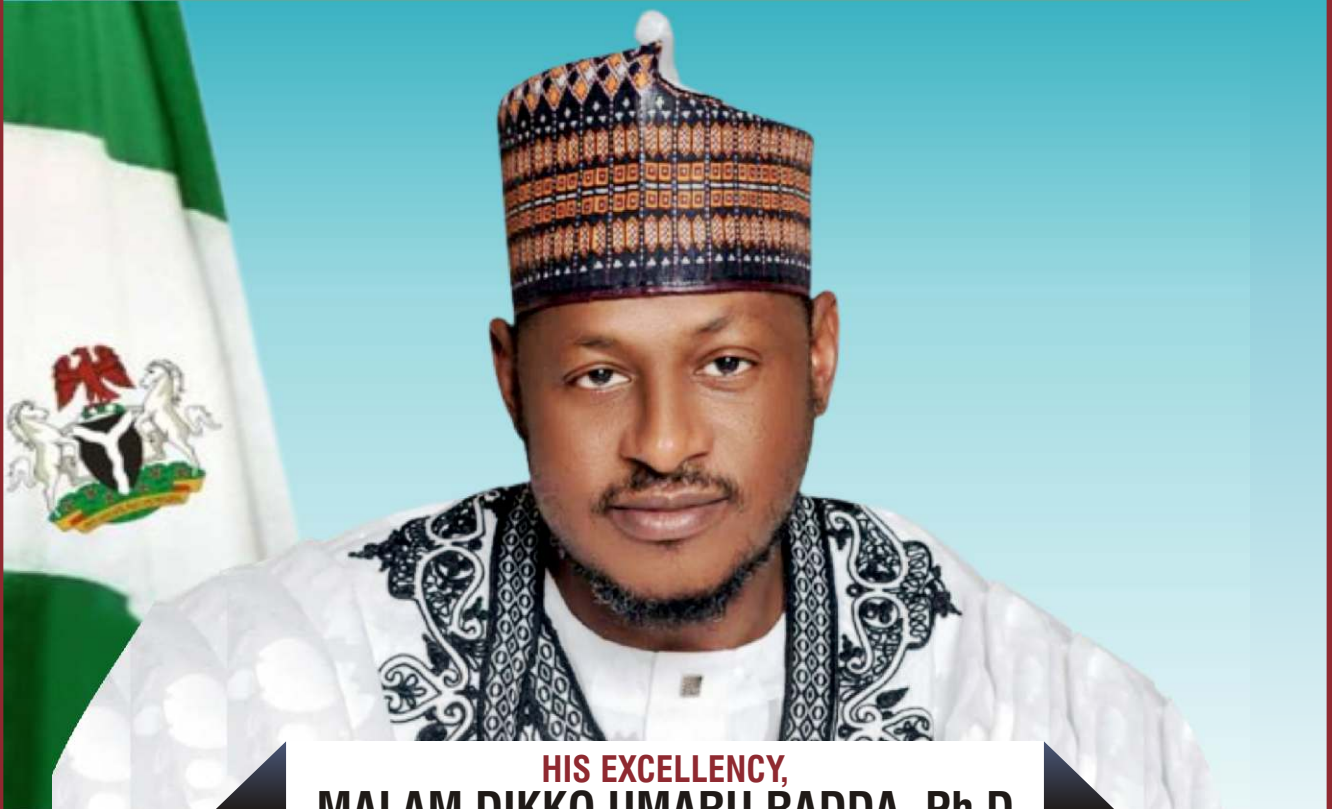
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### HEARTY FELICITATION YOUR EXCELLENCY

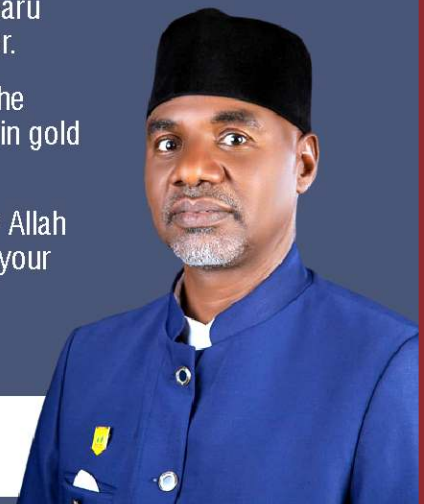
**O**n behalf of myself and the Interim Management Committee of Federal University of Transportation Daura, Katsina State, I wish to join other well wishers and felicitate with His Excellency, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, Ph.D over his inauguration as Katsina State Executive Governor.

Your experience in public service has surely prepared you to take-up the responsibilities of leading Katsina State and your name will be written in gold in the history book of the state.

You have done it before, and you can surely do it again. May Almighty Allah give you the strength and ability to turn all your stumbling blocks into your stepping stones, Sir.

Accept my hearty congratulations, please.

**SIGNED: PROF. UMAR ADAM KATSAYAL, mni**  
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