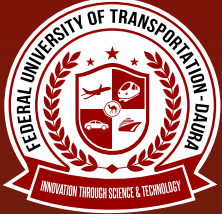


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# VISION, MISSION, PHILOSOPHY AND CORE VALUES OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TRANSPORTATION, DAURA



The 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

To be a World Class University and Centre of Excellence with proficiency in Transportation Technology.

## iii. Mission

To be a leading institution for academic excellence and innovations in transportation technology in Nigeria and Africa as a whole.

## iv. Philosophy

The University rich cultural heritage and values will guide its quest for establishing expertise in emerging transportation systems through enabling technologies and improved competitiveness to provide solutions in transportation ecosystem.

The philosophy of the University is expected to be achieved through the following ideas:

- Regeneration and promotion of the culture of dedication, honesty, and sincerity in the development of knowledge and human capacity.
- Development of well-structured academic curricula and corresponding disciplines that address critical areas of need in the field of transportation.

- Provision of facilities and infrastructure that will enable conducive and uninterrupted teaching and learning activities.
- Provision of relevant state of the art laboratories and workshops for responsive research and development and efficient service delivery in transportation engineering, logistics and supply-chance.
- Promotion of basic, applied, market-driven and industry-demand research through adequate funding and collaboration with public and private organisations, institutions, agencies, and other relevant stakeholders in the transportation industry.
- Development and deployment the next generation of transportation systems to cater for the needs of Nigeria and West Africa.
- Production of knowledgeable and highly skilled graduates that will be a change agent in transportation ecosystem.

## v. Core Values

The University shall be guided by the following core values:

- Innovativeness and Creativity;
- Integrity;
- Professionalism; and
- Service to Society.

## vi. Colour of the University

The colour of the University is red brown, blue, yellow/amber, and green.





## FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TRANSPORTATION, DAURA: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The idea of establishing the Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State, the first of its kind in Nigeria, and probably Africa as a whole, thus transforming Nigeria into a knowledge hub for transportation industry in Africa, was conceived during the Contract negotiation of the Lagos to Kano Railway Modernization Project on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018, between the Federal Ministry of Transportation and Messrs China Civil Engineering Construction Company (CCECC Nigeria Ltd) with a sole purpose of technology transfer in the area of transportation.

The building of the University is aimed at properly safeguarding and sustaining the huge investment of the Federal Government of Nigeria in the transportation sector, while addressing the need for a transport-focused education, training, and research-based institution to compliment the dearth of human capacity in the transportation sector with a deepened focus on the Nation's rejuvenated railway system.

For the University project, CCECC Nigeria Limited agreed to contribute an amount not exceeding Fifty Million United States Dollars (US\$50,000,000.00) as an obligation from the profits to be made from the Lagos to Kano Railway Modernization Project for development of the University. However, the contribution will span through the period of the construction of the Lagos to Kano Railway Project.

In order to ensure good work, the Federal Ministry of Transportation, approached Technics, Engineering, Architecture, Marketing (TEAM Nigeria Ltd), the Consultant Company for the Railway Project, to provide pro-bono consultancy services to the Ministry, which it accepted, in the light of the longstanding relationship with the Ministry.

The ground-breaking ceremony for construction of the University took place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019 and was performed by the former President and

Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR.

The contribution of the CCECC Nigeria Limited for the University Project was designed to provide for the following facilities in two separate phases:

- i. Canteen: 1 block
- ii. Students' dormitories: 4 blocks
- iii. Faculty staff's dormitories: 2 blocks
- iv. Teaching buildings: 2 blocks
- v. Laboratory buildings: 4 blocks
- vi. Multi-function classrooms: 2 blocks
- vii. Generator and sub-station house: 2 blocks
- viii. Water pumping building: 1 block
- ix. Campus Gate (inclusive of security posts): 1
- x. Library: 1 block
- xi. Logistics building: 1 block
- xii. External works: sports ground, landscaping, etc.: 1
- xiii. Internal roads: 1
- xiv. Fence: 1

In addition to the provision of the facilities above, the agreement also included the maintenance of the facilities for five years. It is worth noting that the above-mentioned facilities are not sufficient for a standard University. It will therefore be the obligation

of the Federal Government of Nigeria to continue with the provision of the needed infrastructure for smooth operation of the University.

The bill establishing the University, titled "Federal University of Transportation Daura (Establishment) Bill, 2022" was passed into law by the Ninth Senate on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and concurred by the Ninth House of Representatives on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022. The passed Bill was certified by the Clerk to the National Assembly on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 and subsequently assented into Law on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 by the former President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR. The Act has since been enrolled into the records of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and finally gazette.

To ensure smooth take-off of the University, the then Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Hon. Mu'azu Sambo Jaji approved the constitution of a powerful inter-ministerial committee named "Interim Management Committee (IMC)", which was subsequently inaugurated on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023 by the then Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Dr. (Mrs.) Magdalene Ajani. The committee was charged with responsibility of commencing academic activities by the University







from September, 2023. The IMC constituted of the following members:

1. Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni  
Chairman, VC, FUTD
2. Prof. Hafiz Abubakar  
Member, Visiting Scholar, NUC
3. Engr. Finbarr J. Zirra  
Member, Director (RTS, FMT)
4. Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu  
Member, Director  
(Directorate, ES NUC Office)
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Mercy O. Ilori  
Member, Director (TPC, FMT)
6. Mrs. Rakiya G. Ilyasu  
Member, Director (Univ. Education, FME)
7. Mrs. Catherine N. Zosi  
Member, Deputy Director (TSW, FMT)
8. Mr. Bernard U. Alaeto  
Member, Deputy Director (PPP, FMT)
9. Mrs. Edith O. Osuji-Obi  
Member, CAO (OHMT, FMT)
10. Engr. Tokunbo Adetuwo  
Member, ACME (TA-PS, OPS FMT)
11. Barr. Sadiq Guda Abdullahi  
Member, ALA (Legal Unit, FMT)
12. Mr. Xia Lijun  
Member, DMD (CCECC Nig. Ltd.)
13. Mr. Eric Yu  
Member, GM (Business) (CCECC Nig. Ltd.)
14. Mrs. Ofon Uzogor  
Member, Business Dev. (CCECC Nig. Ltd.)
15. Mr. Ernesto Dotti  
Member, GM (TEAM Nig. Ltd.)
16. Mr. Guido Liberato  
Member, Project Coordinator (TEAM Nig. Ltd.)
17. Mr. Odii N. Barry  
Secretary, Director II (RTS, FMT)

#### SECRETARIAT

1. Isioma Odum - AD, TPC
2. Alexander T. Egbuku - CEO, RTS
3. Engr. Vincent Aso - ACME, RTS
4. Lawal Jaafar - PAO, RTS

On 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the then Visitor to the University, the former President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR approved the appointment of Hon. Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni as the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University.

# NUC APPROVES 14 TAKE-OFF PROGRAMMES FOR FUTD

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has approved a total of fourteen (14) take-off programmes for the Federal University of Transportation, Daura following its resource verification visit to the University.

The approval was conveyed in a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor of the University dated 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 and signed by the Commission's Ag. Director, Academic Planning, Abubakar M. Girei.

"The Ag. Executive Secretary has considered and approved the establishment of full-time mode of the programmes to be run in the Main Campus of the University with effect from 2023/2024 session", the letter stated.

The programmes approved for the University were: B.Eng. Civil Engineering, B.Eng. Electrical and Electronics Engineering, B.Eng. Mechanical Engineering, B.Eng. Mechatronics Engineering, B.Eng. Railway Engineering, B.Eng. Highway Engineering, B.Sc. Aviation Management, and B.Sc. Transport Management.

Others were B.Sc. Logistics and Supply Chain Management, B.Sc. Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration, B.Sc. Railway Transport Management, B.Sc. Sea Port and Dry Port Management, B.Sc. Inland Waterways Safety and Environmental Administration and B.Sc. Maritime Economics.

The letter further stated that "the approval does not cover the part-time mode of delivery of the programmes. The programmes shall bear only the approved title and nomenclature and any change will require the approval of the Commission".

**FUTD News Bulletin** recalls that the Commission had on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 carried out resource verification on the University with a view to assessing human and material resources available for its take-off.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni (8th Right) In a Group Photograph with NUC Resource Verification Team



# IF FUTD SUCCEEDS IN TAKING-OFF, WE SUCCEED AND IF IT FAILS, WE FAIL – FORMER PRESIDENT BUHARI TELLS VC

The immediate past President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari has said that the success of the Federal University of Transportation, Daura is his success and vice versa.

The Former President who is the founder of the University made the statement on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 when the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam

Katsayal, mni paid him a visit at his personal residence in Daura, Katsina State.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni stated that the essence of the visit was for him to brief the founder of the University of the progress and challenges with regards to the take-off of the institution.

He stated that the University was established to among other things serve as a training institution for

the development of transportation engineering that would support the modern transportation industry in the country.

In a similar development, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal had also visited the Executive Governor of Katsina State, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, PhD and briefed him on the progress of the University.

During the visit, His Excellency, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda expressed his determination to support the young University in all



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Former President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, President Muhammadu Buhari in a Group Photograph with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni (3rd Left) and His Team

# TETFUND ORGANIZES TWO-DAY WORKSHOP FOR BENEFICIARY INSTITUTIONS

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has held a two-day workshop for Desk Officers drawn from the 7 northwest geo-political zones.

The event with a theme *“Improving TETFund Intervention Programmes and Processes in Tertiary Institutions”* took place at Meenat Hall in Kano from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

The series was designed for Desk Officers from the 7 states of the zone in order to fully equip them with knowledge about TETFund guidelines and mandate.

The Federal University of Transportation Daura was adequately represented at the workshop by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni.

The workshop was also to further bridge the gap that existed between the Fund and beneficiary institutions, regarding procedures and processes with regards to all intervention lines.

In a welcome address, the Executive Secretary of the Fund, Sonny S.T. Echono expressed worries that most Desk Officers were ignorant of Public Procurement Act, which led them to committing mistakes while making their submissions.

Mr. Sonny further disclosed that the Bureau for Public Procurement had agreed to partner with the Fund to ensure due process and seamless project implementation across institutions.

He said, “We partnered with the Bureau for Public Procurement in conducting this workshop, and this has further enhanced the transparency and accountability of our operations”.

The TETFund boss stressed that “As desk officers of the various intervention lines, you carry out a very significant role in the conception, reconciliation, and implementation of the Fund's programmes and processes.”

Mr. Sonny explained that “it is obvious that the Fund has taken deliberate actions that are aimed at solving persistent problems and making our process more efficient.”



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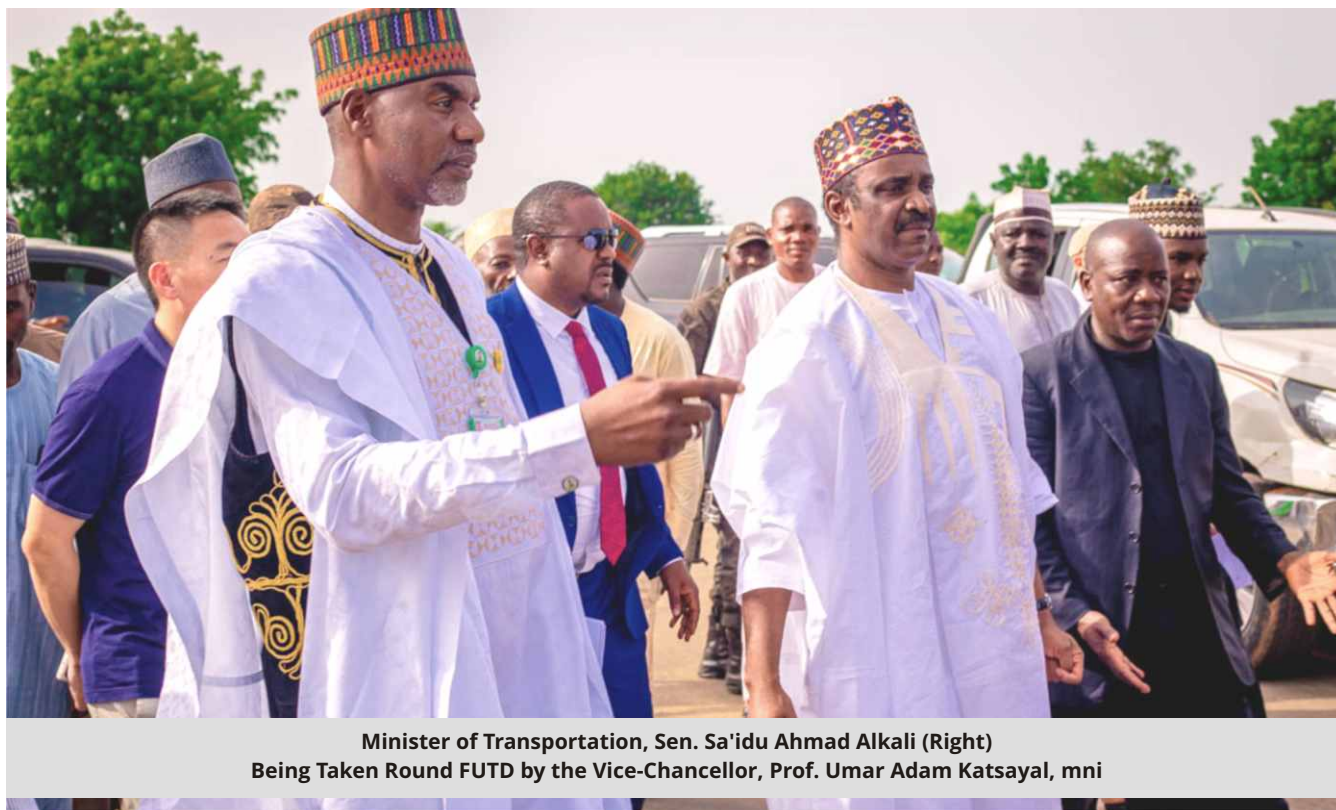


Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni (Right) and Representative of TETFund Executive Secretary

*FUTD News Bulletin* reports that six different papers were presented at the workshop by the representative of different departments from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund.



# MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION, SEN. SA'IDU AHMED ALKALI VISITS FUTD



**Minister of Transportation, Sen. Sa'idu Ahmad Alkali (Right)  
Being Taken Round FUTD by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni**

**T**he newly appointed Minister of Transportation, Sen. Sa'idu Ahmed Alkali has on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 paid a facility visit to Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State, saying that academic activities will commence in October, 2023.

He disclosed this while addressing journalists when he led his ministry's delegation on an inspection tour to the school's permanent site.

The Minister stated that he was at the University for the inspection in order to see for himself, the level of readiness for the University to commence academic activities.

He stated that what he has seen had proven to him that the University was ready enough as he was earlier informed by the Vice-Chancellor of the institution.

He observed that there was need for the contracting company to demarcate the female hostel considering the fact that it was built very close to the male hostel.

"With that done, by October, we will be able to admit our first set of students", he said.

The Honorable Minister said, "I hereby commend the China Civil Engineering Construction Company (CCECC) for building this University as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). I want to challenge other companies to emulate them by building either a school, hospital or something that can benefit Nigerians.

He then appealed to the company to assist the University with a take-off grant to enable it to actualize the October deadline as planned.

On his part, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni thanked the Minister for finding time to visit the young University despite his busy schedules.

"To God be the glory, the Minister had gone round and inspected each and every building in company with the contracting and consulting companies.

"The Minister has also expressed his satisfaction with what he had seen and is also in support of the University's plan to commence academic activities, this coming October.

"With the Minister on board, I am sure the University is going to witness rapid development as he has shown commitment from the very day he was announced the Minister of Transportation, Federal Republic of Nigeria", the VC assured.

He said that the University had been provided with modern facilities to aid learning, including hostel for male and female students.

**FUTD News Bulletin** reports that Sen. Sa'idu Ahmed Alkali was born on February, 12, 1969 in Dukku District of the defunct Northeast State to the late Khadi Ahmed Sa'idu.

He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from the University of Maiduguri, and worked with the Dukku Local Government Council, and later joined the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC).

After former Governor Muhammad Danjuma Goje won the 2003 gubernatorial election, Alkali was appointed the Executive Secretary of the Gombe State Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board.

In 2007, Senator Alkali was appointed Commissioner of Information during Goje's second tenure.

He was elected as Senator for the Gombe North Senatorial District in August, 2010 by elections, after the death of the incumbent, Senator Kawu Peto Dukku.

He emerged as the consensus candidate for the People's Democratic Party (PDP), primarily because he was an indigene of Dukku Local Government Area, late Kawu Dukku's LGA and he was re-elected in the 2011 general election.

He defected to the All Progressives Congress (APC) in 2017, where he contested and defeated the then incumbent Governor Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo in the 2019 general elections.

He served in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Assembly, chairing various senate standing committees.

Senator Alkali holds the traditional title of Sarkin Gabas Dukku and he is a close associate of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahya and intimate friend to the Vice President, Kashim Shettima.



**Minister of Transportation, Sen. Sa'idu Ahmad Alkali Being Shown Pictures Indicating Different Stages of Development of FUTD**



**Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Addressing Journalists During the Minister of Transportation's Visit to FUTD**



**Minister of Transportation, Sen. Sa'idu Ahmad Alkali (4th Left) In a Group Photograph with the Vice-Chancellor, CCECC and TEAM Representatives as Well as Some of the VC and Minister's Entourage**



## VICE-CHANCELLOR ATTENDS MAIDEN CONVOCATION OF NIGERIA MARITIME UNIVERSITY, OKERENKOKO



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Delivering His Goodwill Message On behalf of FUTD

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni has attended the Maiden Convocation Ceremony of the Nigeria Maritime University (NMU), Okerenkoko, Delta State.

The ceremony took place on Saturday, 25th November, 2023 with the attendance of the President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Bola Ahmad Tinubu and many Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities.

Speaking at the occasion, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal congratulated the University for having its maiden convocation ceremony, saying that

the occasion had indicated that the University was fast growing.

Prof. Katsayal commended the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Engr. Prof. Emmanuel Munakurogha Adigio and the entire NMU community, including the Governing Council, Senate, and staff for having a successful and a hitch free ceremony.

According to him, the event was a moment to honour hard work and achievements of all the cadets who had strived hard to reach a significant milestone in their academic journey.

“Convocation ceremony is meant to celebrate students who have successfully met the academic and

moral requirements for graduation and equally a ceremony that provides a public view in which the graduating students receive their certificates.

“From the foregoing, I wish to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor most sincerely and his Management staff for their commitments to transforming the University in a grand style”, the Vice-Chancellor said.

Also speaking at the occasion, the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Bola Ahmad Tinubu said that the creation of the University had restored peace in the Niger Delta region.

He stated that the creation of the University in 2015 was a response to the chronic shortage of professional human capital and global competitive technical know-how in the maritime industry and economy.

According to him, in the past, the region was a hotshot of crisis and militancy, but the University had played a vital role in restoring peace in the area.

The President who was represented by the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, disclosed that the institution which is the country's first Maritime University, commenced academic activities in the 2017/2018 academic session.

He stated that, "this event is indeed a significant moment in our national history in the educational sector as it represents the culmination of the

government's efforts at conceptualizing, planning, and building an institution of this nature that will impact human capital development in our nation's maritime economy".

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On his own part, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Engr. Prof. Emmanuel Munakurogha Adigio welcomed all guests to the ceremony which marked the awards of first and honorary degrees as well as award of prizes.

He expressed excitement for being the Vice-Chancellor to preside over the first convocation ceremony of the University.

"It gladdens my heart today to welcome His Excellency, the President of Nigeria and other dignitaries to this historic ceremony. We feel highly honoured and humbled by the presence of all attendees who came-in to share our joys", the Vice-Chancellor stated.

He then on behalf of the Chancellor, the Senate, and the entire staff and students of the University thanked all for being a part of the convocation.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni (1st Right) at the Convocation Ceremony



## **CVCNU IN COLLABORATION WITH PARELLEX BANK, DIGITAL ED AND HP ORGANIZE WORKSHOP FOR VCs, DVCs AND BURSARS OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES**

**T**he Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU) in collaboration with Paralex Bank, Digital Ed and HP has conducted a 5-day workshop for Vice-Chancellors and their Deputies, as well as Bursars of Nigerian Universities.

The workshop was held from 16th to 21st of July, 2023 at Lakowe Lakes and Golf Resort, Lagos, Nigeria and was designed to comprise of 3 days of presentations, engagements and knowledge sharing sessions, half-day tour and a gala night.

*FUTD News Bulletin* reports that the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni was among the participants in the workshop.

The workshop was aimed at building the capacity of the participants by equipping them with requisite knowledge on all issues relating to Executive Leadership Development.

At the Opening Ceremony, the Secretary-General of the CVCNU, Prof. Yakubu A. Ochefu expressed his gratitude to the Vice-Chancellors who took part in the workshop despite their tight engagements.

Also, the Chairman, CVCNU, Prof. Lilian Salami welcomed the Vice-Chancellors to the event and wished them wonderful and peaceful sessions and then prayed God Almighty to guide the discussions to be made during the presentations.

Delivering a goodwill message, the Managing Director, Paralex Bank, Mr. Ayodeji Abimbola spoke on the challenges facing Universities and society at large, saying that emotional wellness could be handled only when concerted efforts are made by governments at all levels and the Universities on knowledge sharing.

*FUTD News Bulletin* further reports that within the three days of

presentations, engagements and knowledge sharing, 13 different sessions were conducted where experts in different fields from Chartered Accountants to Lawyers, Bankers, CEOs, Engineers and Entrepreneurs made presentations.

At the end of each presentation, questions were asked by the participants and answers were given by the presenters, observations were raised and resolutions were reached.

In his closing remarks, the Secretary-General, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU), Prof. Yakubu A. Ochefu appreciated all participants as well as the resource persons for making the workshop interactive where knowledge and experience were shared.

He also appreciated all the partners for being supportive to the CVCNU in organizing a successful event, adding that all Universities in Lagos were highly appreciated for their supports as well.



**Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal Receiving an award from the Vice-President of Digital Edu During the Gala Night After the CVCNU Leadership Conference at Lakwe Resort, Lagos**



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**COMMITTEE OF VICE-CHANCELLORS  
OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES  
(CVCNU)**

**SIGNED**

**PROF. UMAR ADAM KATSAYAL, mni**  
Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura



# PROF. KATSAYAL ATTENDS 1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AND STUDY TOUR AT UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni has attended the 1st International Workshop and Study Tour with a theme **“Building and Leading Exceptional Organizations for Managing Uncertainties, Growth and Resilience”**.

The workshop and study tour took place at Mauritius, University of Mauritius between 4th and 8th December, 2023.

According to the invitation sent to the Vice-Chancellors, the workshop and study tour were organized by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU) in partnership with the University of Mauritius and ODS Projects and Corporate Services Limited.

The events were aimed at empowering Chief Executives and Principal Officers with knowledge to appraise the onslaught on the nature, and character of their operations and systems.

“As leaders, we know you have had to confront challenges brought about by technology, social and political unrest, climate change and severe economic pressures which have often led to crisis and uncertainty.

“The 3-day workshop and study tour offers a transformative learning experience that empowers individuals and organizations to harness creative solutions to face significant challenges in times of uncertainty.

“It seeks to address several of our value-based systems to help our leaders prepare for a more sustainable and resilient future. It explores the leadership mindset and system-level actions required to tackle large-scale challenges and catalyse a believable framework for the future.

“Strategic innovation, developing a growth mindset and a laser-like focus on risk management will also be dimensioned in addition to examining various institutional successes benchmark and compare real-life experiences of resource persons and participants”, the invitation detailed.

Some of the key learning outcomes include: “Grasp key tenets on the fundamentals of institutional wellness; develop a mindset and a skill set for embracing uncertainty – including the duality and paradox that accompany organizational transformation.

“Gain real-time, actionable insights on organizations that are innovative and are thriving amid uncertainty; Build strategies for managing change in turbulent times; identify and leverage creative opportunities amid disruptions.



**Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni  
at University of Mauritius**

“Identify immediate growth opportunities through leveraging Financial Technologies, Digital Assets and AI Driven Big Data Analytics (ai-DBA).

Others were “Identify creative financial and funding models for Institutional Development and Harness humans and technology to drive creative transformation.

The 3-day workshop was delivered using the KASAC Framework which is a five-dimensional executive education and evaluation model developed by the International Institute of Management.

The Framework advocates a strong stand on the basis that “For a CEO to succeed in today’s complex business environment, s/he should demonstrate mastery in the five areas of: Knowledge, Analysis, Synthesis, Application and Communication.

*FUTD News Bulletin* reports that globally respected resource persons some of whom are Scholars-Practitioners that have led teams that have translated long-term intent systematically and broadly across various organizations to make consistent, compounding, short-term progress facilitated the workshop.

It further reports that, at the end of the workshop, participants were conferred with a joint certificate from the University of Mauritius and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities.

## **RUSSIA – AFRICA SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES**



**Rector of the Saint Petersburg Mining University, Prof Viladimir Litvinenko (Right), and the VC of the Admiralty University, Prof. Paul Omoje After Signing an MoU for the Establishment of the Consortium**

**A** memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Russia and African countries on the establishment of the Public Professional Association of Technical Universities of Africa and Russia titled “Subsoil of Africa” (Subsoil of Africa” Consortium of Universities).

The signing of the MoU took place during an International Congress titled “Africa Seeks Solution” held at the Conference Hall of Catherine II Saint Petersburg Mining University, Russia.

The event took place between Monday 11th and Thursday 14th December, 2023 and was attended by more than 150 different organizations from 42 countries.

The congress was part of the efforts to implement some of the

major agreements reached at the Russia – Africa Summit held in July this year.

*FUTD News Bulletin* reports that the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni was among the Vice-Chancellors drawn from specialized African Universities to attend the congress.

Delivering his keynote address at the Congress, the Rector of the St. Petersburg Mining University, Russia, who is also the Chairman of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Centre, Prof. Vladimir Litvinenko stated that “Education in the state languages, ensuring the formation of new knowledge, transforming it, and educating in the interests of society, is the foundation of the sovereignty of any state”.

He went further to say that sovereignty “Is political and legal property of the state, which is expressed in the autonomy, supremacy and independence of state power within the country and in the international arena, should be number one in the UN Sustainable Development Goals”.

On his own part, Prof. Omojo Omoji, President of the Subsoil Africa Consortium of Universities highlighted the congress's objective to improve production in mining and processing industries across the continent.

“This is a very important event which has brought together mining experts in geology, metallurgy, geophysics, and other key specialist areas to firstly officially launch the consortium and more broadly to explore ways to enhance the



training of our mining engineers as well as enhance mining and processing efficiencies”, he said.

He further emphasized that the congress was also aimed at facilitating the sharing of experience and opportunities for the training of mining engineers and related fields to enhance mining development and efficiency in resource supply chain and value addition.

“Mining remains a cornerstone of the African economy, contributing significantly to revenue and GDP.

“However, the continent continues to face a shortage of specialists capable of mining and processing minerals. The lack of mining engineers and equipment for processing and value addition has resulted in Africa losing billions in potential revenue”, He said.

He further expressed hope that the congress would strengthen the Russia – Africa relationship in

terms of capacity building for mining engineers and related fields in Africa, ultimately fostering economic development.

*FUTD News Bulletin* reports that during the Congress there were 3 different panel discussions in which the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni fully participated.

The first panel discussion was held on Tuesday, 12th December, 2023 with a title “Russia and Africa in a Multipolar World – Challenges and Solutions” with V. Litvinenko as a Moderator.

The second panel discussion was held on the same day and it was titled “Education as an essential foundation of national sovereignty” while the last panel discussion was held on Wednesday, 13th December, 2023 with a title “Advanced competencies for the mineral resources sector – assessment methods and prospects for unification”.

Also on the same day, there had been a signing of the final documents of the Congress which included Declaration of the Congress participants; Agreement (contract) on the establishment of the Consortium “Subsoil of Africa”, and Charter and Roadmap of the Consortium “Subsoil of Africa”.

During the last day of the Congress, there had been two other presentations, titled “Advanced technologies in oil and gas industry – Russian experience” and “The importance of hydrocarbons in the energy transition”.

*FUTD News Bulletin* further reports that, at the end of the Congress, a Consortium of Specialized Universities was established for the purpose of developing the African Mineral Resources, their associated logistics management and supply chain for the larger benefit of the region with the support of relevant Specialized Universities in the Republic of Russia.



Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni (3rd Right) and Some Invited Nigerian Vice-Chancellors at the Russian-African Congress



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OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**O**n behalf of myself, staff and students of Federal University of Transportation, Daura, I wish to congratulate the Russian Government and African Countries as a whole for signing a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Establishment of the Public Professional Association of Technical Universities of Africa and Russia Titled "Subsoil of Africa" ("Subsoil of Africa" Consortium of Universities) that took place at the Conference Hall of Catherine II Saint Petersburg Mining University, Russia.

The signing of the MoU was witnessed by more than 150 different organizations from 42 countries at an International Congress titled "Africa Seeks Solutions." This kind of MoU will no doubt increase the efficiency of training of Engineering Personnel for the national development of African countries, ultimately developing their Mineral Resources and their associated supply and value chains with the support of member Specialized Universities in the Republic of Russia.

**SIGNED**

**PROF. UMAR ADAM KATSAYAL, mni**

Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura



# FUTD AND CIO TA FORGE TRANSFORMATIVE PARTNERSHIP

The Federal University of Transportation Daura and Chartered Institute of Transport Administration (CIO TA) have forged a transformative partnership for mutual benefit of the institutions.

This was contained in a statement signed and released on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 by the **National Publicity Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Transport Administration (CIO TA), Mrs. Chinwe Uwaegbute.**

According to the statement, the partnership was forged during the institute's courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni in Abuja.

It further stated that the delegation was led by Prince Segun Ochuko Obayendo, FinsTA, the President of the Chartered Institute of Transport Administration (CIO TA).

"The purpose of this visit was to discuss potential avenues for collaboration and partnership between CIO TA and the pioneering institution.

"The distinguished CIO TA delegation was warmly received by Professor Umar Adam Katsayal, mni, the Vice Chancellor, and esteemed members of the Interim Management Committee of the University", the statement said.

In his opening speech, Prince Segun Ochuko Obayendo highlighted CIO TA's unwavering commitment to offering essential support to Nigeria's first university of transportation, as well as assisting the Vice Chancellor in realizing his visionary objectives as the inaugural leader of this groundbreaking institution.

Prince Obayendo, FinsTA, spoke on the legal foundation of CIO TA, elucidating its status as an institute endorsed by the Act of the parliament of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

He articulated CIO TA's keen interest in forging a robust collaboration and partnership with the Federal University of Transportation, Daura, in the regulation and elevation of the nation's transport sector to international standards.

"One of the proposals presented by the President of the institute was the integration of CIO TA's experienced University Professors into the University.

"This strategic move aims to seamlessly align the expertise of CIO TA's academic luminaries with the developmental goals of the university, ultimately positioning CIO TA as an integral participant within the University's framework.



**CIO TA's President, Prince Segun Ochuko Obayendo Delivering His Address**

"In addition to outlining collaborative initiatives, Prince Obayendo, FinsTA, unveiled CIO TA's advocacy initiative aimed at instigating professionalism and revitalization within the road transport sector.

"This initiative underscores the importance of partnership between CIO TA and the university in championing transformative reforms within this vital sector that serves as the face of the nation.

"Furthermore, the President articulated CIO TA's vision to bestow professional certifications on university staff members, solidifying their status as certified individuals. Additionally, upon graduation, students would be inducted into CIO TA, underscoring the institute's commitment to nurturing a new generation of transport professionals", the statement highlighted.

Professor Umar Adam Katsayal, mni, the Vice Chancellor in his response, expressed the university's deep awareness of CIO TA and its profound dedication to enhancing the transport sector's landscape.

The Vice Chancellor assured the delegation of the university's eagerness to engage and collaborate, emphasizing the institution's resolve to expedite these endeavours once the university commences its operations.

The statement detailed that the President, Prince Obayendo, FinsTA, was accompanied by other members of CIO TA's leadership, including Hon. Umar Sanda Iya, MinsTA, Vice President; Mr. Rasheed Aiyelabegan, FinsTA, Registrar/Secretary to the Council; Mazi Philips Okoronkwo, AMinsTA, National Secretary; Dr. Musa Yusuf Jimoh, MinsTA, Assistant National Secretary; and Chinwe Uwaegbute, MinsTA, National Publicity Secretary.

This auspicious visit marks the beginning of a dynamic partnership between CIO TA and the Federal University of Transportation, Daura, heralding a new era of transformative collaboration within Nigeria's transport sector.



## Photo Gallery

### CVCNU DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - DAY 1







## Photo Gallery

### CVCNU DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - DAY 2





## Photo Gallery

### CVCNU DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - DAY 3





# FUTD QUESTS FOR EXCELLENCE THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

In its quest for excellence through partnership and collaboration, the Federal University of Transportation, Daura has signed another Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sustainable Procurement and Social Standards Enhancement Centre of Excellence (SPESSECE), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the two institutions on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at the Permanent Site of the University in Daura, Katsina State.

*FUTD News Bulletin* reports that SPESSECE is a Centre of Excellence with vast experience in Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement.

The Centre sought for the collaboration through a written request sent to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni and his subsequent approval.

The MoU between the two institutions was aimed at partnering in the area of Students' placement for industrial practical experience; Collaboration in the area of research and training of participants; and Partnering in the area of advocacy and linkages with other industrial partners.

The two institutions further agreed that the MoU may be amended by a written agreement signed by representatives of both



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Presenting a Souvenir to Prof. F. B. Okeshola, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer of SPESSECE After the MoU was signed

partners and also the parties agreed to follow all applicable Nigeria Government laws and regulations as they exist today as well as in the future, including but not limited to any privacy legislation.

The MoU was signed by the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni and Prof. Muhammed Bello Yunusa who signed on behalf of the SPESSECE.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni (middle) in a Group Photograph with SPESSECE's Team

# FUTD TAKES PART IN CONSORTIUM OF UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN KATSINA, KEBBI, SOKOTO, AND ZAMFARA STATES

The Federal University of Transportation, Daura under the leadership of its Pioneer Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni has joined other Universities in Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara States in the formation of Consortium of Universities located in the states.

The formation of the Consortium was an initiative of the Vice-Chancellor, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Prof. Lawal Suleiman Bilbis with the aim of providing a rare opportunity for resource sharing, exchange of faculty members and a retinue of collaborative strategies that would invariably boost collective strength over individualized efforts.

Other objectives of the Consortium is to address the onerous challenge faced by Universities to meet up with global best practices needed to enhance standards and regulatory expectations; promoting collaboration and synergy among Universities through pooling

resources and expertise with the aim of enhancing the quality of education, research capabilities, and address the unique challenges faced by higher education institutions in the region.

The expected output/objectives of the Consortium are fostering unity among academics in Universities; Promoting collaborative interdisciplinary researches; Enhancing the management of institutional repositories; Promoting teaching and learning beyond classroom walls; Augmenting funding through resources sharing.

Others are creating a platform for self assessment through peer-review; Ensuring contemporary standards of Universities management; and Potentiality of establishing regional, national and international community of practices (CoP).

The vision of the Consortium is to provide sterling and global academic standards that would place member

institutions on the map of international ranking while its mission is to harness individual comparative advantages for the overall good of member institutions through collaborative ideas and resource exchange strategies.

The membership includes all Public and Private Universities domiciled in Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara States and a request to join the consortium is through an official invitation from the leadership of the consortium.

At the maiden meeting of the Consortium, all institutions present pledged their readiness to the actualization of the consortium and approved the formation.

The institutions also consent to the fact that there is a need to initiate an official implementation of such declaration and the signing of relevant documents in form of a single or multiple-party Memorandum of Understanding for the benefit of all member institutions.





# IMC REQUESTS NUC TO SEND VISITATION PANEL TO THE UNIVERSITY

The Interim Management Committee of the Federal University of Transportation has requested the National Universities Commission (NUC) to send its visitation panel to the University.

The request was presented to the Ag. Executive Secretary of the Commission by the Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni when the Committee visited the Commission in Abuja.

According to the Vice Chancellor, the University could only be able to commence academic activities in October as planned after resource verification was carried out by the Commission.

Prof. Katsayal stated that the Interim Management Committee of the University under his leadership was at the NUC to present the University's Academic Brief, Master Plan, Environmental Impact Assessment and Soil Assessment Report to the Commission.

"It is based on these submissions and in preparation for the commencement of academic activities of the University starting with 2023/2024 academic session, that I humbly request the Ag. Executive Secretary to please, constitute and deploy a visitation panel to the University.

"This will enable us commence academic activities in October as planned", the VC emphasized.

Responding, the Ag. Executive Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki said that the National Universities Commission was committed in bridging the gap for needed capacity to build a better Nigeria by licensing both public and private Universities that meet the requirements laid down by the Commission.

He assured the Vice-Chancellor that the NUC would peruse the documents submitted and provide the Interim Management Committee with all the necessary support in realizing the dream of commencing academic activities this year.

He added that the NUC would partner with the Ministry of Transportation to make sure that the University was nurtured and supported to become a centre of excellence in the transport industry.

He finally congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and the Interim Management Committee for putting in their best and seeing to the readiness of the University to take-off academic activities soonest.

On his own part, the Deputy Executive Secretary, Academic (DES Academic) of the Commission, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu also congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for his giant stride within the short period of assuming office and reiterated the willingness of the Commission to support him in all ways possible.

He added that the transportation industry had occupied a wide gamut comprising of air, land, and water, and according to him there was urgent need to build a high-powered capacity for effective management of such areas.

In his remarks, Alhaji Nura Abubakar Kakira, the representative of the Daura Emirate Forum, assured the NUC and the University that Daura Emirate was very safe, peaceful and hospitable community.

He further assured that the Emirate was happy with the establishment of the University and was ready to provide all the necessary support for its success.



Interactive Session During the IMC's Visit to NUC

# FUTD TO PARTNER NCC ON R&D, OTHERS



NCC Director Research and Development, Isma'il Adedigba Receiving a Maiden Edition of the FUTD News Bulletin from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni

The Federal University of Transportation Daura under its Interim Management Committee (IMC) has made a move to partner with the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) in the area of research and development, others.

This was made known by the Vice-Chancellor and Chairman, Interim Management Committee of the University, Prof Umar Adam Katsayal, mni, when he led the IMC on a courtesy visit to the NCC in Abuja.

The Vice-Chancellor who gave detail on how the University came to existence, stated that the University's Establishment Bill, 2022 had already been assented into law by His Excellency, former President Muhammadu Buhari.

"The Act has been enrolled into the records of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and subsequently gazette. It provides the legislative framework

for the establishment of the FUTD to explore in-depth and continuous cutting edge research in transportation engineering, logistics and other courses of interest that will support postmodern transportation industry and to offer diverse courses in its core areas of interest, leading to the award of first degrees, post-graduate degrees, diplomas and other professional certificates", he explained.

Elaborating further, Prof. Katsayal said that "there is a link between communications and transportation systems for both economies, and the link is especially important now as investment in broadband and transportation networks increases across the globe.

"The incidence of COVID-19 pandemic has exposed a stark digital divide in both rural and urban areas between the residents with access to reliable broadband technology and those without it. "This is because those without

adequate or affordable broadband now, have less-and sometimes no-access to education, employment, commerce and healthcare services.

"The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) on the other hand, has continued to improve transportation safety and efficiency through intelligence transportation system (ITS) technologies, including the highway advisory radio, the 511 traveler information systems (a US and some other countries system that provides real-time information to travelers about traffic conditions, incidents, and other events that may affect travel).

"Examples of these applications include mobility as a service, real-time transit and traffic information, bicycle and scooter sharing, and real-time navigation system aids", he further detailed.

He further stated that transportation activities, such as advanced and effective traffic



control, rapid incident response, and maintenance, require extensive communication.

He said that the education system in Nigeria must therefore, prepare current and future workforces on how to plan, design, build, maintain, secure, and utilize the powerful communication technologies.

He further pleaded with the NCC to invest heavily in the University by participating actively in Research and Development (R&D) in the area of transportation communications.

Other areas according to the Vice-chancellor were areas including preparation of the University's academic brief on programmes in transportation communication, and lecture delivery of the programmes, among others.

He thanked the NCC for granting his team the opportunity to pay the visit and for listening to the demands of the University.

In addition to what the Vice-Chancellor said, Engineer,..... from the Federal Ministry of Transportation spoke more on the

relationship that existed between the Ministry and the NCC.

He said that the relationship between the two had been very cordial to the extent that immediately the construction of the University commenced, the NCC requested for a site to construct the Muhammadu Buhari Digital Park which the Ministry reluctantly provided.

He lamented that since from the time the land was allocated to the NCC, there was no communication to the Ministry regarding the progress of work.

Speaking on behalf of the Executive Vice Chairman of the NCC, the Director Research and Development of the Commission, Isma'il Adedigba welcomed the Vice-Chancellor and his team to the Commission and commended them for their commitments in discharging their responsibilities.

He appreciated the team for recognizing the NCC as one of the major stakeholders in education and its development, especially the

University of Transportation, Daura.

"The NCC of course has many ways through which it can assist the University in the area of research as we have academic research whereby we support Universities in carrying out researches.

"We also have telecom research based grant whereby we advertize to everyone that has interest to write on the topics advertized to make entries which will pass through various forms of evaluations and then shortlist the successful candidates.

"We also have a package where we look at some challenges and problems. We advertize and invite entries from interested persons to develop digital solutions to those challenges in form of competition and at the end grant is provided for the winners to develop those solutions, among others", he said.

He then requested the IMC to put everything in writing, stating clearly the University's needs, assuring that the NCC would support the University in all ways possible.



NCC Director Research and Development, Isma'il Adedigba (3rd Left) In a Group Photograph With the FUTD Interim Management Committee

# PROF. UMAR ADAM KATSAYAL AND DIGITIZATION OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TRANSPORTATION, DAURA

**P**rof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni, a Professor of Pharmacognosy and Drug Development from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria has been appointed as the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State by the immediate past President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR.

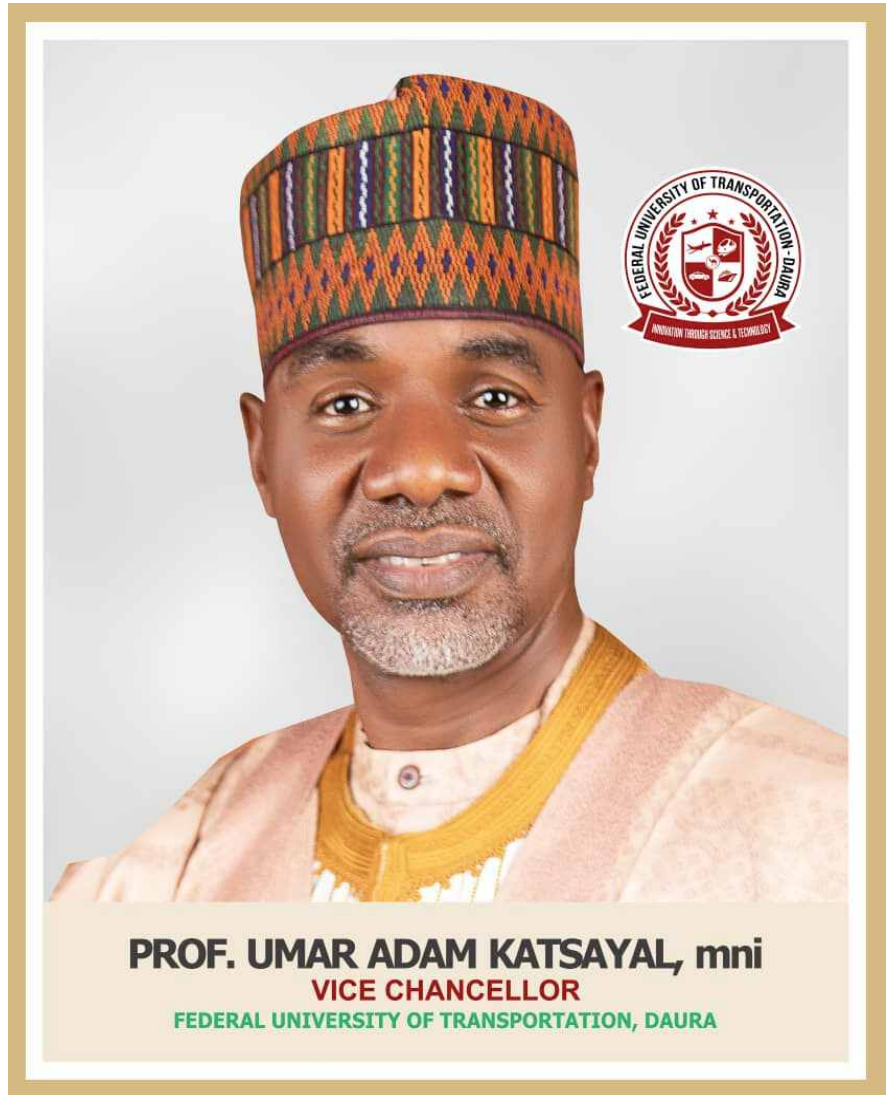
His appointment was conveyed on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in a letter signed by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Dr. Magdalene Ajani on behalf of the President and issued to the Vice-Chancellor by the immediate past Minister of Transportation, Mu'azu Jaji Sambo.

According to the letter, the appointment is for a period of five-years in line with the University's Establishment Act, 2022, Part 1 Section 3(6).

To hit the ground running, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal assumed duty on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 and paid a facility visit to the newly established University on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in order to see for himself, the level of preparedness of the University to commence academic activities.

As an experienced academic and administrator who had seen it all through his career with the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni took with him some experienced University dons to advise him on how best he could run the University as it takes off.

To further strengthen the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Katsayal who was the only appointee in the University working tirelessly



without any Principal Officer because they were yet to be appointed, the Federal Ministry of Transportation on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 inaugurated an Interim Management Committee for the University.

The inauguration ceremony was held at the Honorable Minister's Conference Room, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Abuja.

Members of the Committee were drawn from Federal Ministry of Transportation, Federal Ministry of Education, and National Universities

Commission (NUC) and, while the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni was appointed the Chairman of the Committee.

Members from Federal Ministry of Transportation are 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 are Mrs. R.G. Ilyasu and Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, respectively. Moreover, the Secretariat has Engr. Aso Vincent C. and Jafar Lawal.



Giving importance to digitization, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni is planning to engage the services of experts that could digitize the University from inception in order to make sure that no record in the University is missing in the future.

Today, we live in a digital age, where many advancements in technology have transformed the way we work. This advancement is seen in how we manage and treat paper-based documents and its progress to being digitized. The non-digitization of paper documents poses significant risks to organizations and businesses.

The purpose of digitization is to make information more easily accessible, storable, maintainable, and shareable through the use of digital technology. It is also to turn something that is "paper based" or analogue into digital format, code, or data that can be read and processed by a computer. It makes it easier to share data and recognize patterns in large amounts of information.

Digitization is the process of converting information from physical format to a digital format

using advanced techniques and technologies such as scanners and OCR tools.

According to Oxford Dictionary, Digitization "is the conversion of text, pictures, or sound into a digital form that can be processed by a computer".

Digitization is known to be the first step that each organization takes to begin its journey towards digital transformation as manual extraction of information from paper documents has proven to be more expensive, inefficient, and prone to mistake.

The advantages of digitization are among others faster access to information; fast file retrieval; increased security; better file and data recovery; and file longevity.

To drive home his agenda for the digitization of Federal University of Transportation, Daura, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni had on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 held a virtual meeting with Global Channel & Partnership DigitalED and the meeting was titled DigitalEds Transformation for Federal University of Transportation, Daura.

The meeting focused on topics of interest to the University where a system that would enable the University to look through every documented information of students from their entry to exit; a Digital Library that allows students and faculties access to e-books and other academic resources; the kind of Technical Infrastructure required for the University would be developed.

Others were the type of partnership support that would enable access to technical support; a system that allows a view to what is happening on campus in real time; and a learning platform where students can access courses virtually from all over the world and in turn increase revenue.

After many observations were raised by the Vice-Chancellor and his associates, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company, Mrs. Yemi Kerry assured the Vice-Chancellor that there would be absolute security of data and the University would be the only entity with access to control of the system.

Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni has recognized the importance of digitization. It is the reason why he is trying to key into it at the early stage of the University's development.



# NUC CONDUCTS RESOURCE VERIFICATION FOR FUTD

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has conducted resource verification for the Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State.

The Resource Verification was conducted on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at the permanent site of the University in Daura.

Speaking during a brief meeting with the NUC team, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni welcomed members of the team to the University and expressed his happiness with their visit.

He said that the resource verification was one of the necessary stages all Universities must pass through before they could be allowed to commence academic activities by the NUC.

He stated that the University had already submitted its master plan, academic brief and environment impact analysis report to the NUC.

Prof. Katsayal then urged the NUC team to be meticulous and objective in their report as all their recommendations for improvement would be taken seriously by the University.

Stating the reason for their visit, the team leader of the delegation, who is a Director in the National Universities Commission (NUC), Office of the Executive Secretary, John Mairafi Ahmadu said that they were at the University to see its level of readiness in terms of personnel and facilities.

“We are not here to witch-hunt but rather to see and advise where necessary so that we can have a better educational system in Nigeria”, he stressed.

Addressing journalists after the inspection, John Mairafi Ahmadu stated that his team was satisfied with what was on ground at the University.

“The facilities and infrastructure are generally enough for the University to commence academic activities but the University has to wait for the NUC’s final approval which will be after our report”, he cautioned.

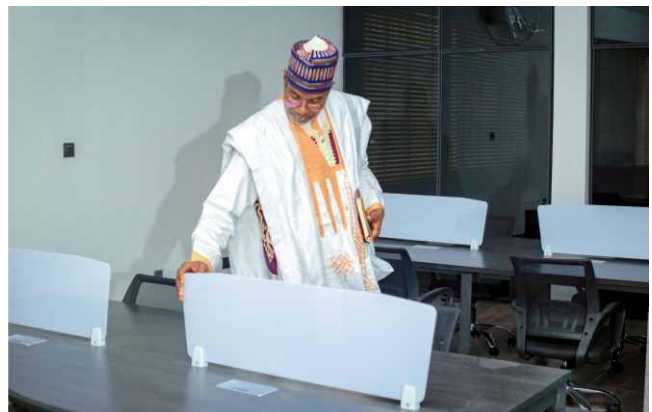
The team under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni paid courtesy visits to Katsina State Governor, Dr. Dikko Umaru Radda, Speaker of Katsina State House of Assembly, Alhaji Nasiru Yahya Daura and HRH, the Emir of Katsina, Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 while the immediate past President, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR and Emir of Daura, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar were visited on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.



**Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni (Right) and Prof. Hafizu Abubakar During the NUC Resource Verification Team's Courtesy Visit to the Vice-Chancellor**



**Director, Academic Planning, Prof. Ahmad Abubakar (3rd Right) Briefing NUC Resource Verification Team in the University Library**



**Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni During the NUC Resource Verification Visit**



**NUC Resource Verification Team Inspecting One of the University's Laboratory**



# EMIR OF KATSINA URGES FUTD MANAGEMENT TO FIGHT DRUG CONSUMPTION AND TRAFFICKING WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY



**Emir of Katsina, HRH, Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman Responding to the VC's Remarks During the NUC Resource Verification Team's Visit to His Palace**

The Emir of Katsina and Chancellor of University of Ilorin, Kwara State, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Abdulmumini Kabir Usman has called on the Management of Federal University of Transportation, Daura to fight drug consumption and trafficking within the University.

The Emir made the call on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 when he received the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni in his palace.

The Vice-Chancellor led the National Universities Commission (NUC) Resource Verification team to the palace on a courtesy visit to seek for his guidance and advises on how to

effectively run the newly established University.

According to the Emir, "the University Management needs to fight indiscipline especially drug consumption and trafficking because they are the roots of all social vices in our society".

"You should be too articulate on that without fear or favour among the privileged and less privileged in the society. Punishment should be meted on all violators of the University's laws and regulations without any discrimination", the Emir cautioned.

He expressed happiness that the University was taken to Daura, saying

that it would bring education closer to Katsina State indigenes especially that the University would offer specialized courses that would transform the Nigeria's transport sector.

He further advised that as pioneers, the Vice-Chancellor and all pioneers of the University were saddled with the responsibility of laying a very strong and solid foundation without compromising standards of the National Universities Commission.

He lamented on the deteriorating stage of security in the country, saying that the incessant attack on Universities in the north especially the frequent kidnapping of female students was inimical to our education system.



He then urged both the federal and state governments, security personnel as well as the entire Nigerians to be God fearing and play their own part in bringing an end to the insecurity bedevilling the country.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni informed the Emir that he was at the palace to pay homage having received the NUC team who were at Katsina for Resource Verification for the University.

According to him, the visit of the NUC would mark the commencement of academic activities in the University, informing the Emir that he could not receive visitors of that importance without taking them to the Emir's palace on a courtesy visit.

He then thanked the Emir for granting his team his audience despite short notice for the visit.

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Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Delivering His Address During the NUC Resource Verification Visit To HRH, the Emir of Katsina



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni During the NUC Resource Verification Visit to Emir of Katsina



Emir of Katsina, HRH, Alhaji Abdulmumuni Kabir Usman In a Group Photograph with the NUC Resource Verification Team



# KATSINA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY PROMISES OPEN DOOR FOR FUTD

The Katsina State House of Assembly under the leadership of the Hon. Speaker, Alhaji Nasiru Yahaya Daura has pledged open door for the Federal University of Transportation, Daura.

The pledge was made by the Hon. Speaker, Katsina State House of Assembly, Hon. Nasiru Yahaya Daura when he received the Vice-Chancellor of the University on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

According to the speaker, the visit would create synergy between the House of Assembly and the University, assuring the Vice-Chancellor of the Assembly's support in whatever way possible.

He then commended the Federal Government for siting the University in Katsina State saying that it would be for the benefit of all Nigerians.

Also speaking, the Chairman House Committee on Education who is a member representing Mani Local Government, Alhaji Shu'aibu commended the Vice-Chancellor for the visit and stated that whenever there was need for the Assembly's intervention, it would always be there for the University.

On his part, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni thanked the members for postponing their scheduled sitting by an hour in order to receive him and members of the NUC Resource Verification team.

He informed the House that his visit was to greet the Honourable members as well as introduce the NUC delegation that was in the state for Resource Verification for the University.

"I would like to inform the Honourable House that they are in the state to see the level of our preparedness to commence academic activities. This is a necessary step before the NUC could allow us to admit students.

"The members of the team are professionals from different Universities and National Universities Commission (NUC)", the VC said.



**Speaker, Katsina State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Alhaji Nasiru Yahya Daura**



**Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni**



**Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni, in a Handshake with Speaker, Katsina State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Alhaji Nasiru Yahya Daura**



**Members of Katsina State House of Assembly in a Group Photograph with the Vice-Chancellor and NUC Resource Verification Team**

# FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TRANSPORTATION WILL BE A SOURCE OF RELIEF TO KATSINA INDIGENES – *GOV. DIKKO RADDA*



Executive Governor of Katsina State, His Excellency, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, Ph.D and Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni

The Katsina State Governor, His Excellency, Malam. Dikko Umaru Radda PhD has said that the Federal University of Transportation Daura will be a source of relief to the indigenes of Katsina State especially with the current hardship that followed the removal of fuel subsidy.

The Governor made the pronouncement on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 when he received the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni at the Government House, Katsina.

The Governor stated that the establishment of the University in Katsina was a blessing as it

brought education closer to the indigenes that would otherwise had to endure cost of transportation even with the current inflation and economic crisis.

“The removal of fuel subsidy has brought about an untold hardship to Nigerians and Katsina State is not an exception.

“Our indigenes are going through difficult times with inflation everywhere. Inflation had also increased cost of governance on our own side.

“It is the more reason why I introduced pricing unit in the government house in our efforts

to block leakages especially when it comes to contracts' award and procurements.

“The University is going to offer specialized courses on all aspects of transportation. Our indigenes will take the opportunity and attend these courses for the development of our nation”, Malam Dikko stated.

While commending the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the University for his commitment and doggedness, the Executive Governor assured his administration's support in all ways possible.





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According to him, during his visit to the Minister of Transportation and that of Education regarding the University, they assured him that the institution would commence academic activities without further delay.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni informed His Excellency that the visit was to brief him on the visit of the National Universities Commission's, NUC, Resource Verification Team to the University.

He stated that the state government was a major stakeholder of the University, saying, "this is because even the land used in building the University was given by the immediate past government of Aminu Bello Masari.

He, however, appealed to the governor to continue to support the University.

**FUTD Special Bulletin** reports that the Vice-Chancellor led the National Universities Commission (NUC) Resource Verification team on a courtesy visit to the Executive Governor.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni (right) briefing the Executive Governor of Katsina State, His Excellency, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, Ph.D



NUC Resource Verification Members and VC's Entourage At Government House Katsina



Executive Governor of Katsina State, HE, Mal. Dikko Umaru Radda, PhD in a Group Photograph with the Vice-Chancellor and NUC Resource Verification Team



# NUC RESOURCE VERIFICATION TEAM VISITS FORMER PRESIDENT, EMIR OF DAURA

The National Universities Commission (NUC) Resource Verification Team led by the Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Transportation Daura, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni has paid courtesy visits to the immediate past President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, President Muhammadu Buhari and Emir of Daura, HRH, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar.

The visits were paid on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 after the team had completed its assignment in the University.

In his remarks during the visits, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni briefed the former president and the emir that he decided to take the NUC's team to them for pleasantries as well as to inform them that the University had achieved another milestone where the NUC had agreed to send it delegation to the University.

He stated that the team comprised of Professors from different Universities as well as Directors from the National Universities Commission who were at the University to ascertain the readiness of the University to commence academic activities.

Speaking, the Former President, Muhammadu Buhari welcomed them and prayed God Almighty to guide them in discharging their duties without compromise.

He urged them to report exactly what they saw to the NUC, saying that it was the only way through which standards could be maintained in the Nigerian Universities.

Also speaking, His Royal Highness, the Emir of Daura, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar commended the past Minister of Transportation, Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi for his efforts to site the University in Daura, Katsina State.

He stated that the University would serve the interest of Nigeria as it would be global where people from all countries could come and get educated on different fields of transportation.

He then pleaded with the Verification team to assist the University in achieving its mandates.



**Former President, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni**



**Former President, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR In a Group Photograph with the Vice-Chancellor and NUC Resource Verification Team**



**Emir of Daura, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar In a Group Photograph with the Vice-Chancellor and NUC Resource Verification Team**



# FUTD MANAGEMENT MEETS SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAND TRANSPORT, HIGHLIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

The Interim Management Committee of Federal University of Transportation Daura (FUTD) has met with the Senate Committee on Land Transport where issues bordering on achievements and challenges of the University were presented before the Committee.

The meeting was held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023 at the Meeting Room 231, Senate Building of the National Assembly Complex, Abuja.

Briefing the Committee, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni highlighted some of the achievements recorded by the University since his appointment as the pioneer Vice-Chancellor of the institution.

“My assumption to duty has brought about the creation of Private Mail Box (PMB, 1050, Daura, Katsina State), Website ([www.futd.edu.ng](http://www.futd.edu.ng)) and email addresses for Principal Officers and some staff, which included, for general information ([info@futd.edu.ng](mailto:info@futd.edu.ng)), among others.

“We’ve also secured a Liaison Office for the University in Abuja at No.14, Lake Chad Crescent, Maitama District, and developed Academic Brief and Campus Master Plan, Soil Analysis and Environmental Impact Assessment, which are already submitted to the NUC as conditions for granting license to commence academic activities.

“The University has also undergone Resource Verification Exercise which had brought about the approval of the NUC for the



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni (3rd from Right) in a Group Photograph After a Meeting with Senate Committee on Land Transport

University to commence 14 academic programmes starting from 2023/2024 academic session.

“We’re currently engaging with Federal Ministry of Finance for the provision of special financial intervention and Budget Office of the Federation for budgetary provision for 2024 Fiscal Year.

“Our engagement is also extended to the National Assembly where we are pursuing an enhanced budgetary allocation for 2024 and Office of the Head of Service of the Federation to secure a waiver for recruitment of staff.

“We’ve opened about five accounts after securing an Organizational Code through the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation as well as working towards the inclusion of the University into the IPPIS platform”, the Vice-Chancellor stated.

He further said that the University

had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement Centre for Excellence (SPESSE), A.B.U., Zaria with the aim of developing a robust training, and build capacity, especially in the area of transportation system among others.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, courtesy visits were paid to NITT, NCAT, NCC, NIMASA, NSC, NITDA, Galaxy Backbone Limited (GBB), NASENI among others, all with the aim of establishing partnerships and collaborations.

While highlighting some of the challenges facing the young University, the Vice-Chancellor stated that the University was yet to receive the usual Take-off Grant from the TETFund.

He added that the University was pursuing a waiver for employment

from the Office of the Head of Service of the Federation which made it difficult to carry out some activities effectively.

While pleading with the Committee to assist the University in the amplification of the proposed 1 billion naira budget for the University in the 2024 Fiscal Year, he stated that the University was not included in the budgetary allocation for the year 2023.

He then urged the Committee to assist the University to overcome the challenges identified.

Responding to the Vice-Chancellor, the Chairman of the Committee, Senator Adamu Muhammad Aliero expressed optimism that the 1 billion naira proposed for the University in the 2024 Fiscal Year would be amplified to 5 billion naira as requested by the Vice-Chancellor.

He advised the Vice-Chancellor to seek for partnership with the Organized Private Sector (OPS), citing the example of Tata Nigeria Limited that established Automobile Workshop for specific training and Shell Petroleum Development Company training

school for the Oil and Gas Sector.

He further highlighted the need for the University to collaborate with other institutions that offer similar Courses that would enable the new University to share resources for rapid growth and development.

He finally noted that it was important not to rely solely on the SCR pledge made by the CCECC, and promised to contact the Honourable Minister of Transportation in order to establish a concrete funding programme for the institution.

## IMC PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO NIMASA



MD/CEO NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Yusuf Jamoh Receiving a Souvenir from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni

The Interim Management Committee (IMC), Federal University of Transportation Daura has paid a courtesy visit to the Management of Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA).

The visit was paid on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at the NIMASA

Headquarters, Apapa, Lagos.

Speaking during the visit, the Vice-Chancellor of the University who doubled as the Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni thanked the MD/CEO and other staff of the Agency for the warm reception accorded to his team.

He stated that the essence of the visit to the agency, which is under the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy was to secure a very solid collaboration and partnership that would be beneficial to all.

He said that both the NIMASA and the FUTD share similar mandate of



generating high level manpower for the transportation sector.

He added that with the collaboration, FUTD as an institution would require the support of the agency, while the agency would benefit from the institution in regard to its objective of developing indigenous commercial shipping and enforcement of Cabotage Act.

He cited example with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Agency and World Maritime University in Sweden, as well as the fact that the agency had several Maritime Institutes scattered across the country offering professional Courses.

He stated that the newly established University would offer diverse Courses leading to the award of Bachelor Degrees, Post-graduate Degrees, Diplomas and Professional Certificates.

He then emphasized on the need for the Agency and FUTD to work together for the development of Nigeria's transportation sector.

Responding, the MD/CEO of NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Yusuf Jamoh welcomed and thanked the Vice-Chancellor and his team, adding that it was imperative for the agency to embrace the gesture for collaboration and partnership with the University.

While cautioning the Vice-Chancellor on the need to develop a University of excellence, he acknowledged its uniqueness being it the only specialized University of transportation in Nigeria and Africa in general.

He stated that positioning the University on the basis of global excellence, would attract international students that would ultimately make it able to

compete with similar Universities in other countries.

He then offered insight into the areas that could be considered for inclusion into FUTD's curriculum, focusing on those areas that clearly underline the challenges facing Nigeria.

"Inland Waterway, Intermodal Transportation, Marine Law (Domestication of IMO Regulations etc.), Port Administration, Ocean Governance and Pipeline Transportation", he itemized.

**FUTD News Bulletin** reports that during the interaction, some of the IMC Members like Mrs. Edith Osuji-Obi; Mr. Alaeto Bernard; and Mr. Odii Barry had contributed to the discussion where they all raised important points on how best to make the collaboration work.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umar Adam Katsayal, mni Receiving a Souvenir from the MD/CEO NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Yusuf Jamoh



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