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FUDMA Undergoes NUC Accreditation for 6 Key Programmes

By Maryam Saidu

In a significant academic exercise that will shape its future, the Federal University Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA) recently played host to a delegation of officials from the National Universities Commission (NUC), who conducted a comprehensive accreditation assessment of six of the university's pivotal academic programmes.



The DVC Admin., Prof. Elizabeth Yecho (4th right), The NUC team leaders for mechatronic & Geography Edu. programmes, Prof. Kingsley Ikebudu, & Prof. Ibrahim Dankani (2nd & 3rd right) in a group photograph with other NUC team members and FUDMA staff

The programmes under the NUC's meticulous scrutiny were Business Education, Islamic Studies Education, Arabic Education, Statistics, Mechatronics, and Geography Education. This accreditation exercise is a critical quality assurance mechanism designed to ensure that Nigerian universities maintain the highest standards in teaching, learning, and research infrastructure.

The week-long activity commenced with a formal welcome at the Vice Chancellor's office, where the university's leadership reaffirmed its commitment to academic excellence. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Mohammed Khalid Othman, while receiving the NUC delegation, assured the officials of the institution's unwavering dedication to implementing all recommendations that would arise from the exercise

In his address, Professor Othman emphasized that the university is "ever ready" to embrace the NUC's guidance, viewing the accreditation not as a mere regulatory hurdle, but as a vital opportunity for self-improvement and strategic development.

Speaking on behalf of the various teams, the leader of the accreditation panel for the Statistics programme, Professor Muhammad Babangida, outlined the core objectives of their visit. He stated that the teams were tasked with a thorough examination of the human and material resources available for the six programmes.

"Our mission is to conduct a holistic evaluation," Professor Babangida explained. "We are here to meticulously assess the faculty qualifications, curriculum relevance, laboratory facilities, library resources, and overall learning environment. Our goal is to identify areas of strength to be consolidated and weaknesses to be remedied, ultimately making recommendations that will enhance the quality and robustness of these academic courses."

This process involved detailed inspections of classrooms, laboratories, and workshops, particularly for hands-on disciplines like Mechatronics and Statistics. The teams also scrutinized student and staff records, reviewed course content, and held interactive sessions with faculty members, students, and university management to gain a 360-degree perspective on each programme's health and viability.

Following the intensive on-site evaluation, the NUC teams separately presented their exit reports to the University Management. These reports contain the preliminary findings, observations, and a set of actionable recommendations that FUDMA must address to secure and maintain full accreditation status for the programmes.

Receiving the comprehensive reports on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Elizabeth Yecho, expressed the university's profound gratitude to the NUC teams for undertaking the "national assignment."

Professor Yecho, in her remarks, thanked the panels for their diligence and the invaluable insights contained in their reports. She assured the NUC that the university management would carefully study and prioritize the implementation of all observations, suggestions, and recommendations

"We appreciate the thoroughness of the teams and the constructive nature of their engagement," she stated. "The University Management is fully committed to implementing these recommendations for the benefit of our academic system, our students, and the broader society we serve. This exercise aligns perfectly with our continuous pursuit of excellence and our resolve to produce graduates who can compete globally."

The successful accreditation of these programmes is crucial for FUDMA. It not only affirms the quality of education offered but also bolsters the institution's reputation, strengthens the value of its degrees, and ensures that its graduates meet the required national and international benchmarks. For prospective and current students, it provides confidence in the institution's commitment to providing a world-class education.

The University Management has now commenced an in-depth review of the reports, initiating plans for the necessary interventions and investments to address the identified gaps, thereby fortifying these six key academic pillars for a more prosperous future.



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All Set for Commencement of Second Semester Examinations

By Sadiq Usman

Preparation is at the optimum stage for the Federal University Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA) to commence its first semester examination for the 2025/2026 academic session Wednesday, 3rd December 2025.

The disclosure was made by the Director, Academic Planning and Monitoring, Prof. Daud Mustafa during an interview with the *FUDMA Weekly Bulletin* in his office.

The Director expressed optimism that the first semester examination will be successful due to the maximum attention given to it by the University Management which made his Directorate to be ready for the exercise few weeks before the time of commencing the examination.



The Director, Academic Planning & Monitoring, Prof. Daud Mustafa

Prof. Daud said that “We have put all the necessary resources in place to ensure that the forthcoming first semester examinations are conducted seamlessly and transparently in line with world practices, from the printing and secured custody of question papers to the deployment of trained invigilators, adequate seating arrangements, and strict adherence to the examination timetable, every detail has been meticulously handled”.

“The Date of commencement of the examination remains the same, as the official Senate approved date is from 3rd December 2025 to 17th December 2025 for 300 to 500 levels, while for 100 and 200 levels are scheduled to commence from 5th to 19th January, 2026”, Prof. Daud said.

He warned students to read harder and desist from examination misconducts and any other activity that would jeopardise their academic journey, wishing the students of FUDMA a successful and hitch-free examination as both take-off campus and permanent site will be used for the examination exercise.

Shading more light on the examination, the Deputy Director of Academic Planning and Monitoring, Dr. Segun Adeola said unlike the previous years, this year is different because all the lapses recorded in the past have been addressed.

Dr. Adeola highlighted the following as some of the measures implemented to guarantee a conducive atmosphere during the forthcoming first semester examination, the measures according to him are deployment of security at examination venues in collaboration with the University's Security Division, provision of standby power generators to avoid electricity fluctuation, strict enforcement of the 'no phone, no unauthorized materials policy', deployment of medical teams on standby across campuses.

In an interaction with Jabir Jega, a lecturer from the Department of Economics, commended the cooperation of faculty officers, departmental examination officers, and the entire academic staff for their commitment to succeed on the exercise. As the countdown to 3rd December begins, FUDMA appears poised to set a new standard in the examination.

The staff University Computer Based Test (CBT) Centre confirmed that they have tested all the devices to ensure efficiency of computers and network stability.

Fatima Mahmud, a 300 level student of Sociology Department expressed optimism on the fast approaching examinations, saying that “From what we are seeing, this is going to be one of the most organized examination periods in recent years. We just hope the lecturers will continue to guide us properly before the main day”.

Bilal Muhammad, a 300 level student of Accounting Department said “To be honest, this is the most planned period vividly seeing the staff preparing the examination venues prior to the time of starting the examination, “I have been in FUDMA for the last two years, I have never heard a story of missing scripts or sudden venue changes like before.

“The Directorate of Academic Planning has been communicating with us through WhatsApp groups, fudma official facebook page and notice boards. I trust them to deliver. As for me, I've sacrificed sleep for the past one month—burning midnight candles, attending tutorials, and consulting senior colleagues. By God's grace, I'm graduating with a strong Second Class Upper division”, he said.

Aisha Bello, 200 Level student from Nursing Department said “I am really impressed with the level of preparation for this semester examination. The examination timetable was released early, lecture halls have been cleaned and arranged, and even the security personnel have been briefing us on what to expect.

Academic planning and Servicom, have done well. On my part, I have been reading seriously since the last two weeks. We formed a strong reading group, and we cover past questions every night. I just pray everything goes smoothly.

Miracle Okpara 100 level student from Sociology Department said “I am a bit nervous because this is my first major University examination, but I feel the school is ready for us as they even fixed some broken chairs in our halls and promised constant electricity supply throughout examination period.

“I have been reading for 4 to 5 hours every day, and my friends and I do group discussions in the library till 10 p.m. I just want to pass well and make my parents proud.” and I believe and proud to be FUDMA student, I commend the University for been an I.C.T assessments frontier in Nigeria.

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Two Fisheries Students Successfully Defend Thesis

By Abbas Hashimu

Two Postgraduate students of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Faculty of Renewal and Natural Resources, Federal University Dutsin-Ma have successfully defended their Thesis as a basic requirement for the award of Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Fisheries and Aquaculture degree of the University.



The External Examiner, Dr. Babangida Abdulkarim (middle) flanked by the two PG students & lecturers of the fisheries Department

The seminar which took place on Monday, 24th November, 2025 at the College of Postgraduate Studies (CPGS) take off Campusnt each taking turn to defend their academic work.

Presiding over the session, the External Examiner, Dr. Babangida Abdulkarim from the Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries Management, Umaru Musa Yar'adua University Katsina, explained that the main purpose of the defence was to confirm the authenticity of the research work of the students, adding that, the critical examination of the thesis aimed at bursting the knowledge of the students by guiding them to adopt new ideas and innovation envisaged by the fishery profession.

Dr. Abdulkarim expressed his satisfaction regarding the presentations and defence delivered by the two PhD students, advising them to make sure that all the necessary corrections pointed out are inserted accordingly.

He recommended that the Senate of FUDMA may awards the students with the Doctor of Philosophy in Fisheries and Aquaculture, but subject to the effecting the corrections made by him to the satisfaction of their respective Internal Supervisors and Head of Department respectively.

Earlier in his remark, the Dean, Faculty of Renewal Natural Resources, Dr. Joel Umbaru thanked the External Examiner for honouring the University's invitation to examine the students despite his schedules and for thoroughly assessing the research findings of the students, appreciating all the staff of the Department for their contributions toward the success of the exercise.

Ahmed Kinna Sa'idu defended a PhD thesis titled 'Brooders' Age on the Reproductive Indices and Embryonic Development of African Cat Fish Reared in Tank System', while Hamisu Idris Miga defended a thesis titled 'Piscine parasites, Hepatosome Index and this to Pathological Changes in Three Fish Species from Warwade Reservoir Dutse, Jigawa State Nigeria'

The internal examiners of the two PhD students, Dr. Oladele Hafiz and Dr. Awawu Dasuki charged the students to execute all the corrections, suggestions and recommendations made by the External Examiner to make their thesis richer and capable of making positive impact to the field of fisheries and aquaculture in the globe.

In his remarks, the Departmental Postgraduate Coordinator of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Oshoke Justina stated that the department is doing all that is humanly possible to train its postgraduate students in line with the best world practice of the profession.

In his closing remarks, the representative of the Provost, College of Postgraduate Studies, Dr. Nasir Bilkisu Umar reiterated the commitment of the College in offering lucrative postgraduate courses aimed at empowering the students with skills to face whatever socio-economic challenge they may encounter after graduation.

FUDMA Registrar Parleys with Registry Staff

By Sadiq Usman



The Registrar, Dr. musa Ajiya

The Registrar, Federal University Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA), Dr. Musa Ajiya has charged Registry Staff to embrace digital transformation, professionalism and update their skills to ethically conform with best global practices for effective service delivery.

Dr. Musa Ajiya handed down the advice on Tuesday, 25th November, 2025, during his maiden interaction with the staff of Registry Department of FUDMA. He stated that “The Registry remains the administrative heartbeat of the University and must therefore operate with utmost efficiency, integrity, and innovation, our vision is to become a world class Registry that provides seamless, technology driven administrative support that facilitates teaching, learning, research, and community service in line with global best practices

“Our mission is to deliver timely, accurate, and customer-focused services through highly motivated, professionally trained, and digitally literate personnel”, Dr. Ajiya emphasized.

He stated that every staff member, irrespective of his grade level, is a custodian of the University's image and must see themselves as ambassadors of excellence, highlighting some challenges faced by Registry staff as inadequate training and re-training opportunities, especially in ICT and modern registry practices.



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Other challenges enumerated by the Registrar were shortage of critical and functional office equipment such as computers, printers and scanners in some units, saying that delayed in promotions and stagnation in certain cadres leads to demoralization of staff performance, inadequate digital infrastructure, lack of respect in chain of command and the rest.

According to Dr. Musa Ajiya, the solutions to curb the challenges includes a mandatory basic digital literacy certification for all Registry staff, introduction of quarterly in-house workshops on modern Registry practices, Establishment of a Registry Performance Monitoring Committee to track turn-around time for all services, and Renovation and partitioning of the Registry Annex Building to create additional office space.

The Registrar acknowledged the validity of these concerns and disclosed that they incarnated due to lack of monitoring and evaluation, pledging that his administration is determined to tackle such challenges.

“My mission statement is to have a network of sustainable strategy for operational efficiency and effectiveness geared towards bringing about human asset acquisition and disposal anchored on competence and loyalty. In other words, I intend to employ best practices driven by information technology (IT) and automated documentation to enhance effective, efficient and timely service delivery”, he stated.

The Registrar advised the various units of the University to redouble efforts in their operations to enable the University achieve its vision, mission and core values that comprised of teaching, research and community service.

Dr. Musa Ajiya said cases of subordinate staff bypassing their superiors to relate with officers beyond their immediate superior is so rampant and vice versa, allowing such mal-administration to flourish is insubordination and breakdown of laws and orders.

He said his administration would review the traditional way of promoting staff based on waiting period of three to four years, irrespective of shoddy performance, irresponsiveness or favour, saying that the introduction of a robust evaluation mechanism on annual basis such as the Annual Performance Evaluation Report (APER) would help regulate the indiscriminate elevation of staff without due regard or emphasis to performance and discipline.

“The low quality of staff's output has to do with fallen standard of societal moral values and education generally in the country, where by a graduate requires heavy training again to be able to cope with service expectations. With the dwindling University finances in terms of both statutory appropriations and internally generated revenue implies that the university competencies to meet its growing activities have shrunk”, Dr. Musa Ajiya said.

“The trend of placing officers based on lobby and sycophancy is not healthy for the system. Currently, there are staff that are much senior in rank/status, especially those that attained the rank of Deputy Registrar posted to Faculties, while their subordinates are posted to Institutes, Centres, Colleges and Divisions. This should not only discourage, but ought to be reverse urgently to restore respect and confidence among staff of the Registry”, he advised.

Speaking in the same vein, the Establishment Secretary, Musa Mohammed warned that chronic lateness, disunity, and deliberate breaches of the chain of command will no longer be tolerated in the division saying “We are one family in the Registry,” he stressed. “If we fight ourselves, pull each other down, or carry rumours from one office to another is a set back by giving outsiders the opportunity to ridicule us.

Musa Mohammed asserted that with the Registrar's reform agenda now reinforced by the Establishment Secretary's stern directives, the FUDMA Registry appears set for a season of discipline, unity, and renewed administrative efficiency.

In his speech, the Director of Academic Affairs, Mr. Vandu Augustine Zira made a passionate appeal for the mentorship of junior staff and renewed personal sacrifice to keep FUDMA running smoothly despite challenges, advising senior Registry staff to be mentoring their subordinates for the system to prosper.

Mr. Vandu Zira said students and parents judge the entire institution by how fast we process their results and transcripts, reiterating that the Registry will continue to dispense its services with velocity, courteousness and promptness.

ADEPTI Trainees Receive Certificates

By Abubakar Abdulazeez

The five-day computer training on Advanced Digital Empowerment Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADEPTI) organized by the Directorate of Management Information Systems (DMIS), Federal University Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA) and sponsored by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) ended with the presentation of certificates to all the one hundred participants that attended the programme.



A Cross Section of Participants at the Computer Training

Addressing the participants, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mohammed Khalid Othman thanked the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC) through the Digital Bridge Institute for empowering the staff of the University with Computer skills for essential service delivery, underscoring the positive impact of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in enhancing teaching, research and administration in the University system.

Prof. M.K Othman who was represented by the Provost, College of Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Jamilu Shehu commended the participants for their commitment, interest and patience towards the success of the programme, urging them to put the knowledge acquired into practice and step it down to those that could not be opportune to attend the training.

He described the training as a critical tool for strengthen job effectiveness and efficiency across the campus, saying that “the capacity building programme is an expedient step towards boosting the university's operational digital status”.

Also in a remark, the Registrar, Dr. Musa Ajiya commended NCC for the gesture and the facilitators for performing wonderfully, noting that the NCC/FUDMA collaboration reflects the University's commitment towards updating its administrative and academic processes to suit best global practices

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Dr. Ajiya expressed the readiness of the university to implement the recommendations presented by the trainers.

The Programme Coordinator, Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), Mr. Sani Abdullahi highlighted the importance of making such type of training a perpetual norm regularly develop the Computer skill of staff, encouraging FUDMA to sustain the momentum by institutionalising periodic capacity-building programmes,

Mr. Abdullahi informed the participants that their certificates of attendance for the training would be awarded based on merit as he urged them to be good ambassadors of DBI as he officially declared them as alumni of the Institute.

Also in her address, the Acting Director, Management Information System (DMIS), Dr. Awawu Dasuki disclosed that the five days training delivered by the NCC through DBI in partnership with FUDMA's DMIS aimed at strengthening the digital skills of staffers, thus solidifying the Computer capacity of staff across departments, ICT governance, strategic IT planning for higher education, Network and system security best practices, data management, backup, and improved practical skills among others.

According to Dr. Dasuli the one hundred staff that participated in the training were sourced from the various Faculties, Directorates, Centres, Departments and Units of the University.



The Programme Coordinator, Mr. sani Abdullahi (10th right in the 3rd row)
Posed for a Photograph with the Participants of the training

Disclosing his impression about the training, Mr. Kamalu Muktar Aliyu from the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management acknowledged that the knowledge gained from the capacity building course on Data Analysis Using SPSS and Power BI is well taken for the overall development of his humble self, department and FUDMA at large, expressing his readiness to step it down to his colleagues.

In his view, Mr. Omoniye Adegunle Qazeem, a staff from the Sultanate Centre for Economic Research and Innovation, saluted the NCC and FUDMA Management for the foresight which empowered him and his colleagues with digital skills on cyber security and emerging technology, he described the training as impactful.

Other participants interviewed by **FUDMA Weekly Bulletin** described the training as “practical and timely,” noting that the combination of theoretical and practical skills made the training excited.

The occasion was attended by the Bursar, Abubakar Muhammad Gafai, University Librarian, Dr. Ukashatu Hamza Musa, Establishment Secretary, Mal. Musa Mohammed, Director, Public Relations and Protocol, Mal. Nasiru M. Abdul among.

BAKORI STUDENTS' UNION ORGANISES ORIENTATION FOR FRESH STUDENTS

By Khalil Shamsudeen Khalil

In a significant effort to foster unity and academic prowess, the Bakori Students' Union (BAKSU), Federal University Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA) Chapter has sensitized newly admitted students who are indigenes of Bakori Local Government Area on the dos and don'ts of the University.



The Chairman, Bakori LGC, Hon. Abubakar Barde
Addressing the Students during the Orientation Programme

The event held on Tuesday 18th November, 2025 encapsulated motivational lectures that served as essential roadmap for the Bakori students to achieve success in FUDMA while upholding the values of their community.

In a keynote address, the Executive Chairman, Bakori Local Government Council, Hon. Abubakar Musa Barde, congratulated the students for gaining University admission, counselling them to embrace diligence as the cornerstone for garnering knowledge, saying that “today marks the beginning of your academic journey filled with discovery, growth and endless possibilities. I advice you to plan your academic, social and personal activities, and never hesitate to ask for guidance from your lecturers, mentors and senior colleagues.

“As you, begin this exciting adventure, I encourage you to be curious, humble and use any opportunity that comes your way wisely. The future is full of opportunities, go out and claim them with confidence, wishing you a rewarding and beneficial academic journey”, Hon. Barde stated.

In his speech, the Director of Security Service, Retired Assistant Controller of Immigration, Bashir Sani Kankia who was represented by the Malam Surajo Isah Bakori, itemized some security tips to enable the students take precautionary measures to unforeseen security threats.

The Security Director acquainted the students with the FUDMA Security hotlines for emergency purposes, charging them to avoid walking alone at night, shun distractions by phones or headphones while walking, ensure that they lock their rooms properly and report suspicious properties or movements to the University Security for further investigation and necessary action.

Earlier in his welcome address, the President, Bakori Students Union, Comr. Salisu Halliru said the motive behind the orientation was to put the new admitted students on the track that will lead them to achieve academic excellence in the University.

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Renewable Natural Resources Students' Association Swear--in New Executives

By Khalil Shamsudeen Khalil

The Faculty of Renewable Natural Resources Students Association, Federal University Dutsin-Ma Chapter has sworn-in its newly elected officials to administer the affairs of the association for the period of one year.

Inaugurating the officials, the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Joel Ummaru described the ceremony as not only formal gathering, but a special transition of mantle of leadership from one generation to the other, adding that the ceremony was a celebration of leadership, responsibility and optimism for a brighter and dynamic academic community.”



The Deputy Dean of Students Affairs, Dr. Ayuba Idris Administering the Oath of Office to the New Officials of RNRSA

Dr. Ummaru applauded the outgone executives for a job well done which guided the faculty to address many of its pressing challenges, saying that “you have demonstrated an unbending commitment, capacity and robust service in your various roles vested on you and today we recognize the legacy you leave behind. Thank you for your dedication and for setting a strong foundation upon which others may build upon.

While congratulating the newly inaugurated executives, he informed them that there victory was a testimony of the trust and confidence the students have on them, acquainting the officialAs that leadership is both a privilege and a responsibility that needs integrity, humility, tolerance, hard work, determination and magnanimity.

“As you assume your new positions, remember that your leadership will be measured not only by the initiatives you launch, but by the lives you touch, the conflicts you resolve, the unity you inspire and the legacies you left behind”, the Dean explained.

In his goodwill message to the officials, the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. Muntaka Mamman charged them to lead with transparency, accountability, humility and sincerity of purpose, urging them to listen and learn from their followers and serve them with honesty.

“Work as a team. Leadership is not a solo assignment, but a collective responsibility. Respect and support one another and maintain open door policy to carry everybody along. When a team is united, the most difficult tasks become manageable and do not forget to leave a legacy worth remembering. Use your tenure to create positive change, however small. Let your impact be felt in the lives you improve”, Dr. Muntaka recommended.

Also in an address, the Dean of students' Affairs, Prof. Muhammad Ghazali Garba who spoke through his Deputy, Dr. Ayuba Idris advised the officials to serve with purpose by listening to the voices and needs of their members, informing them that leadership is service not authority.

Dr. Idris also admonished them to collaborate and communicate with the stakeholders of the Faculty and lead their subjects with integrity through making decisions guided by fairness, honesty, and accountability, innovation, collaboration, and meaningful impacts.

In another goodwill message, the president, FUDMA Future Leaders Forum (FFLF), Comrade Usman Abdullahi Salihu said leadership is not given, but earned through character, commitment, and the willingness to step forward when others hesitate, advising the students of the Faculty to cooperate and support their leaders because leadership only flourishes where there is collaboration.

Thanking the entire personalities who attended the programme, the Chief Patron of the association, Dr. Awawu Dasuki expressed gratitude to the University Management, all the resource persons who delivered keynote addresses and goodwill messages, the entire staff and students of the Faculty Renewable Natural Resources and everyone who has contributed to the success of programme.

JIBIA STUDENT’S ASSOCIATION SENSITISES NEW MEMBERS ON UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

By Yunusa Yau & Ahmad Auwal Madigawa

The Jibia Local Government Students Association (JILSA), Federal University Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA) chapter has on Friday, 21st November, 2025 sensitized the indigenes of the local government that gained the 2025/2026 session admission on regulations enshrined by the University for students



The Jibia Students Union Officials, Posed for a Photograph with the newly Fresh Students from Bakori LGA

Welcoming the guests to the event, the President of the JILSA, Comr. Najib Abubakar, who is also the Chief of Staff of the FUDMA Students Union Government said the programme was designed to familiarize the fresh students with the activities of the association and encourage them to focused on their academic pursuit to record giant strides during their stay in the University.

Comr. Abubakar appealed to the students to participate in activities that have effective impacts to their studies and mingle with serious students who knows the main purpose of the coming to FUDMA.

He tasked them to attend lectures punctually and regularly, write and submit assignments promptly, frequently visit the Library and engage in group discussions,

Presenting his goodwill message, Mallan Mus'ab Mamman Jibia a staff of the University Health Services counseled the students to be disciplined and display all forms of morality

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within and outside the University campuses, he guided the students with health tips that will enable them to achieve good health and hygiene.

Malam Mus'ab Jibia disclosed procedures for accessing medical services to the students, stressing the importance of clinic registration and responsible use of university healthcare facilities.

Also in an address, the President, Students Union Government (SUG), Comr. Nasir Muhammad Imam said the essence of any government all over the world is to protect the life and properties of its citizen, adding that the FUDMA SUG is making concerted efforts to intimate the Management to improve the welfare packages and overall interest of the entire students of the University.

Comr. Nasir Imam called on the fresh students to work more closely with the SUG to tap to tap from the numerous services of the union.

Guiding the students on how to excel academically, Hamish Jibia, recommended that the students should endeavour to imbibe the culture of regular class attendance, time management by planning and allocating time for each activity, adopting good study habits, use of resources such as group discussion and the university library.

Given a character sketch of ideal student, Dr. Mus'ab Ibrahim from the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, advised the students to avoid habit such as missing lectures without valid reasons and while in the lectures they are expected to listen attentively and write down the points and notes, advising them to be among the few that have complete notes to be fully prepared for examination.

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS IN STYLE

By Ridwan Shittu

The Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling, Federal University Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA) has on Thursday, 20th November, 2025 held a conference to which served as an orientation programme for its newly admitted students aimed at educating them with the basic know-how on regulations of the Department, Faculty and FUDMA at large.



From left; Dr. Usman Masanawa, Dr. Ma'aruf Ahmad, Dr. Adekunle Olutola, Prof. Steve Bada, Abdussamad Ashura & Dr. Bara'atu Ibrahim



The Lecturers of the Department of Educational Psychology & Counseling in a group Photograph with Fresh Students of the Department

During the programme, scholars from different disciplines presented hrpapers with the view to enlighten the participants on avenues to succeed in their quest for academic pursuit.

Welcoming the students to the Faculty and FUDMA, the Chairman of the occasion, Dr. Adekunle Olutola, enjoined them to take their academic work seriously and remain focused throughout their stay in University, cautioning them to avoid all forms of social vices that could jeopardize their education or lead withdrawal out of the University.

In his address, the Provost, College of Education, Dr. Ahmad Shuaibu Abdullahi commended the department for its foresight to guide the students aright, challenging others to imitate the style boarded by the department.

Dr. Ahmad Abdullahi urged the new students to pay keen attention to the series of lectures to be delivered during the programme aimed at acquainting them with the basic rudiments of University activities that will assist them to leave peacefully in FUDMA.

Earlier in his remarks, the Head, Department of Educational Psychology and Counselling, Dr. Muhammad Shafiu Adamu who was represented by the Director of Teaching Practice, Prof. Steve Olusegun Bada congratulated the students for been among the few to be admitted into the department, advising them to always feel free to make enquiry on issues that are not clear to them.

Dr. Muhammad Adamu urged the fresh students to ensure that they pay their departmental dues to enable the department to provide some essential facilities for their benefits.

Advising the students on ways to prosper in FUDMA, Dr. Bara'atu Ibrahim, a female lecturer in the department counseled them to imbibe the culture of hard work and doggedness to their academic activities, advising them to associate with good friends that will make positive impact to their academic pursuit.

In the same vein, the Coordinator of One Hundred Level Students of the Department, Mallam Bello charged the students to epitomize the manner of tolerance, curiosity and morality as their basis for interaction with their colleagues, counseling them to make good use of social media for gain academic prowess.

The programme also featured the following paper presentations:

Delivering a paper titled 'Students Registration and University Grading System' Dr. Maruf Ahmad said the

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FUDMA registration portal is unique compared to other institutions because the entirety of the registration is done online and does not need physical apDr. Maruf explained to the students the procedures stipulated for tuition and course registrations, enjoining them to always make use of reliable channels in any payments they want to make and make sure they meet their level coordinators on y ambiguous issue such as either add and drop courses and the rest.

In a presentation titled 'Immorality and Social Media Addiction', the Director of Teaching Practice, Prof. Steve Olusegun Bada said globally, immorality is the violation of moral laws, norms or standard and can manifest in different ways, saying that stealing, lying, murdering, unfaithfulness and dishonesty are some of the examples of immorality, destruction of property, lateness, truancy, indecent dressing, sexual harassment, cultism, violence, bullying, aggression, stealing, drug abuse and the rest.

On the aspect of Social Media Addiction, he stated that social media plays positive roles in learning and academic performance of students, reducing barriers to communication and physical interactions, encourage self-study, increasing learning motivation, resource exchange for notes and lectures, cautioning them to shun poor management of social media which have negative consequences on students.

Presenting a paper titled 'Study Habit and Effective Time Management in the University System' Sadiu Abdussamad Ashura opined that study habit is a continuous strategies student uses to learn and retain information learned, highlighting that the examples of Study Habit as creating a routine, make reading schedules, discussion group, picking a spot to read, avoidance of distraction and making good friends.

“As a student, try to set a goal for yourself, fit yourself in the system, be ready to confront any challenges in the society, avoid bad friends, find a very good time to read and understand, but do not over read, manage your time well and no your reading capacity”, Sadiu Ashura advised.

In a paper entitled 'Interpersonal Relationship between the Lecturer and Students', Dr. Binta Ado Ali who was represented by Dr. Bara'atu Ibrahim said performance of students flourish if they concentrate fully on their purpose of being in the University through critical thinking, mentorship and seeking guidance from their lecturers and senior.

“You are not alone, your lecturers are here to guide you academically, your counsellors are here to support you personally and interpersonally, build a positive and health relationship with your lecturers and utilise counselling services, this way you will not only ensure academic success, but you will be building a tool-kit of interpersonal skills that will serve you well in your future career and life”, Dr. Binta Ali admonished.

In his remarks, Dr. Usman Nuhu Masanawa warned the students to do away with anything related to examination malpractice to graduate within the time frame of their studies. pearance of human being.

Geography Department Conducts External Defence for PG Student

By Abdulazeez Garba Usman

The Department of Geography, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Federal University Dutsin-Ma has conducted an external defence for one Doctor of Philosophy student of the department.

The event which took place on Wednesday, 26th November, 2025 at Geography Information System Laboratory was attended by lecturers and Postgraduate students of the department.



The External Examiner, Prof. Yakubu Obadaki (4th right), the PG student, Waheeda Ibrahim (middle) in a group photograph with the staff of the faculty

In his remarks shortly after the presentation session, the External Examiner, Professor Yakub Obadaki Yusuf from the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, said he was impressed with the outstanding performance of the student, commending the internal supervisor of the student for doing the needful which made the thesis to contain minor corrections.

Defending her PhD thesis, Waheeda Mukhtar Ibrahim impressively presented a research findings entitled 'Assessment of Land Degradation Dynamics and Prospects for Achieving Neutrality Target in the Semi-Arid Areas of Katsina State.

It is worthy to note that Waheeda's exceptional performance made her to garner a distinction score indexing her as one of the best PG students of the department.

In attendance at the event are: the Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Prof. Andrew Egba Ubogu, Acting Head Department of Geography, Dr. O.G. Jeje, lecturers and PG students of the Students. others.

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