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KATSINA COMPOL SCORES FUDMA HIGH, SAYS IT IS THE BEST AMONG ITS PEERS

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Katsina State Commissioner of Police, CP Bello Shehu, has described the Federal University Dutsin-Ma (FUDMA), as the best University among its peers created in 2011.

CP Shehu was speaking when he received FUDMA's new Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mohammed Khalid Othman, who paid him a courtesy call in his office at the Command Headquarters on Sarki AbdurRahman Way, Katsina.

The Police Commissioner noted that “FUDMA is the best among all the Universities created at the same time”, congratulating the University Management for achieving the feat and calling for more effort in the development and growth of the University.

CP Shehu charged the Vice Chancellor and his management team that accompanied him on the visit, to continue to do more for FUDMA, especially on moral sensitization of the students.

According to him, “the police have been having some issues with your students on their involvement in the commission of crimes”, stressing that “the moral sensitization will go a long way to discourage the students from indulging in crimes”.

He assured FUDMA of the Command's readiness to deploy more of its personnel to assist in the movement to the Main campus, saying “the decision to move to the Main campus by the management is highly commendable”, stressing that the Command “will do its best to ensure synergy with FUDMA's internal security and other security agencies” at all times.

According to him, “I and my Command have a special passion for FUDMA. Whenever I pass through there, I am fascinated by the impressive volume of traffic of staff and students and these need to be effectively secured”.

He welcomed the new Vice Chancellor and his entourage and congratulated him on his appointment.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mohammed Khalid Othman, told the Police Commissioner that the visit was to introduce himself, thank the Command for its support to the University and solicit for more assistance, “especially as FUDMA braces up to return to the Main campus for its administrative and academic activities”.

Prof. Othman said he “appreciates the diligent manner the police command is effectively dealing with all security issues in Dutsin-Ma and environs” and called for continuation in that regard.



The VC of FUDMA, Prof. M. K. Othman (7th Right), the Katsina State Police Commissioner, CP Bello Shehu (5th Left) and other University Management Staff and Officers of the State Police Command in a group photograph

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The Vice Chancellor noted that “the University has a population of over 40,000 students and a staff strength of 4,000 who come from all over Nigeria”, noting that “all the students and staff are now operating from the Take-off campus, which is too congested for effective teaching and learning”.

He disclosed that “the University Management has resolved to return to the Main campus in January, 2026, where there are infrastructural investments worth billions of naira”, adding that the decision “will bring about effective utilization of lecture theatres, classrooms, laboratories, staff offices and other facilities that have been made to rot and rendered vulnerable to pilfering and vandalism.”



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. M. K. Othman and CP Bello Shehu during a Courtesy Visit in the Cp's office

The Vice Chancellor assured the Command of every support, within the limit of the University's resources, lauding the commitment of the Dutsin-Ma Police Area Commander and the Divisional Police Officer “for always responding to FUDMA promptly, whenever the need arises”.

At the Katsina State Command of the Directorate of State Security Services (DSS), the Director, Muhammad Musa Yankari, promised to assist the University in ensuring a seamless return to the Main campus, vacated due to incessant insecurity brought about by the activities of bandits.

He said the security agencies have an obligation to assist FUDMA to overcome its challenges, noting with delight the return of peace in the frontline local governments due to negotiations between communities and some bandit leaders.

“The University is a very big community. Whoever passes through there will be a better citizen trained to contribute to nation building”, he stated, advising the University to ensure the return of activities at the Main campus in phases.

Musa Yankari welcomed the new Vice Chancellor and his entourage and pledged to continue to assist the University to make it more secured and, therefore, more conducive to teaching and learning.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mohammed Khalid Othman, informed the DSS State Director and his Management team that the visit was to show gratitude to the Command for all it has been doing to improve the security situation in FUDMA and Dutsin-Ma and request for the sustenance of the gesture.



Some members of the University Management at the Courtesy Call

Prof. Othman noted the importance and the pivotal role of the DSS in bringing peace and stability to FUDMA, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State and the nation.

He said in spite of the challenges, “FUDMA is still very attractive to prospective students due to its record of prompt graduation of students and other comparative advantages”.

Prof. Othman disclosed that the University would return to the Main campus early next year, “to ensure effective and maximum utilisation of the numerous facilities in the campus which are currently prone to rotting, pilfering and incessant vandalism”.

On the Vice Chancellor's delegation were the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Abubakar Sadiq Suleiman; the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Prof. Elizabeth Ihugh Yecheo; the Registrar, Dr. Musa Ajiya; the Bursar, Mal. Abubakar Muhammad Gafai and the Dean of Students' Affairs, Prof. Muhammad Ghazali Garba.

Others include the Director, Physical Planning and Works, Bldr. Aliyu Iliyasu Wurma; the Director, FUDMA Security Services, Bashir Sani Kankia; the Director, Information and Protocol, Nasiru Mohammed Abdul; the Special Assistant/Personal Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Onagwa Godfrey; the Secretary, University Management Committee, Auwal Samaila and the Assistant Secretary of the Committee, Dauda Muhammad.



The VC, Prof. M. K. Othman and University Management Staff at the Katsina State Command of the DSS