

**VICE-CHANCELLOR’S ADDRESS AT THE RAMADAN 1444 AH: NASFAT IFTAR
WITH THE MEDIA**

**REINVIGORATING FUO AS A GLOBAL PACE-SETTING INSTITUTION IN LEARNING,
CHARACTER BUILDING AND SERVICE TO HUMANITY**

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Lagos.**

As-Salam Alaikum warahmatuhullahi wabarakatuhu,

Fountain University was granted an operational license as a private university on 17th May, 2007, by the Federal Government on the recommendations of the National Universities Commission. Following this achievement, a strategic implementation committee was set up to serve as “in loco Council” to actualize the birth of the University. This Committee worked tirelessly to put in place the necessary facilities for the university to take off.

The desire of the Nasrul-Lahi-Il-Fatih Society (NASFAT) to establish a university was borne out of its educational policy and plan enunciated at its strategic retreat held at Akodo, Lagos, in the year 2000. From this humble beginning, the Society started a systematic process which led to the hosting of an academic summit of 30 distinguished academic personalities from where an 18-person university planning committee emerged in January 2004.

On Wednesday, 1st March 2023, I formally assumed office as the fourth substantive Vice Chancellor of Fountain University, Osogbo, to lead the university for the next four years. I therefore wish to begin on a note of gratitude to Almighty Allah for this appointment, the Governing Council, BOT and by extension the Proprietor, NASFAT, for the honour accorded me. This appointment has not just made me the first female Vice-Chancellor of the institution but also the first female Muslim to be a Vice-Chancellor in Nigeria. I say *Alhamdulillah Rabbil Alamin*.

I am aware that the office comes with both opportunities and responsibilities. Part of these responsibilities is being committed to and passionate about the system so that it can be greater. As a committed member of NASFAT, specifically, Tanke, Ilorin Branch, I am passionate about the development of Fountain University. It is this passion that has driven my vision that I had shared during the selection process. I desire to support, sustain and renew FUO as a centre of academic excellence in teaching, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and community service where all staff and students will have a sense of belonging, work, and study in peace, harmony, a congenial environment and mutual respect. More importantly, I desire to develop the university to an admirable university nationally and internationally, where competent and resourceful graduates with high moral standards irrespective of race, tribe, religion, or political inclinations are developed.

My vision is therefore to significantly increase student enrolment and improve the internally generated revenue in addition to improving physical development for powering a true self-sustaining university for national and global visibility. A seven-point strategy is designed to achieve the vision and rebranding of FUO with utmost attention to the motto of the university which focused on knowledge, faith and leadership.



Academic Programmes

Undergraduate programmes:

College of Natural and Applied Sciences (CONAS):

- B.Sc. Microbiology
- B.Sc. Biochemistry and Nutrition
- B.Sc. Industrial and Environmental Chemistry
- B.Sc. Chemistry
- B.Sc. Physics
- B.Sc. Physics with Electronics
- B.Sc. Computer Science

College of Management and Social Sciences (COMAS)

- B.Sc. Accounting
- B.Sc. Banking & Finance
- B.Sc. Business Administration
- B.Sc. Economics
- B.Sc. Mass communication
- B.Sc. Political Science & Public Administration
- B.Sc. Sociology

College of Basic Medical and Health Sciences

- BMLS Medical Laboratory Sciences
- B.NSc. Nursing Science
- B.Sc. Public Health
- B.Sc. Environmental Health Sciences

College of Law

- LL. B Common law
- LL. B Common Law & Islamic Law

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My Vision as the Vice-Chancellor of FUO (2023-2027)...cont'd

SUPPORTING strategies



1. Excellence Curriculum and Scholarship
2. Improved Student Enrolment
3. Sustainable Fund Generation and Management
4. Enriched Digitization and Internationalization
5. Enhanced Staff and Students Development & Welfare
6. Good University Governance
7. Vibrant Community Service

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There are four (4) colleges and nineteen (19) undergraduate Programmes

Postgraduate Programmes

 **Academic Programmes**

Postgraduate programmes

- PGD & M.Sc. Biochemistry
- PGD & M.Sc. Chemistry
- PGD & M.Sc. Microbiology
- PGD in Management
- Masters of Science (M.Sc.) in Sociology
- Masters of Business Administration (MBA)

The achievements so far:

1. Development of new core curriculum minimum academic standard (CCMAS) as directed by NUC for all the 19 existing academic programmes.
2. Preparation for the commencement of College of Arts and Education in 2023/2024 academic session.
3. Establishment of Centre for Research, Innovation and Technology (FUCRIT) with five units; incubation unit; research support and grants management; FOU industry and community linkages; research ethics and safety unit; NASFAT-Fountain University Research Resource unit.
4. The Federal government through the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy earmarked Fountain University as one of the beneficiaries of the broadband infrastructure for tertiary and higher-level institutions across the country.
5. Establishment of greening and beautification club to improve the aesthetics of the university environment.
6. Donation of 50 sitting capacity seat-out at Histopathology laboratory.

7. Renovation of Student hostels.
8. Improved staff and student welfare package.
9. Commemoration of International Women's Day with an international workshop on gender mainstreaming.
10. Initiation of MoU with Trends in Africa with an expected donation of over 240 million science equipment.
11. Visitation to key community stakeholders to consolidate on town and gown relationship and preparation for Fountain University community-based scheme.

Concluding Remark

In wrapping up, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Proprietor of Fountain University, NASFAT, for the visionary establishment of the university and the unwavering support bestowed upon the institution. As we look towards the future, I aspire to witness the emergence of a renewed Fountain University, one that thrives and excels, propelled by the enduring support of all stakeholders. Above all, may this journey be guided and blessed by the grace of Almighty Allah, Subhanahu wata'ala

God bless FUO!

God bless NASFAT!!

God bless Nigeria!!!

Thank you for listening.

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Vice-Chancellor