

# FUTA Honours Mimiko, Shonekan at Convocation

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Governor Olusegun Mimiko of Ondo State and the former Head of Interim Government (ING), Chief Ernest Shonekan are the two eminent Nigerians, who would be honoured by the Federal University of Technology (FUTA), Akure at the grand finale of its 23rd Convocation Ceremony scheduled for November 19.



Chief Ernest Shonekan

The decision to confer honorary doctorate degree on the duo was disclosed by the Chairman of the university's ceremonial committee, Prof. Biyi Daramola, at a press briefing to herald the activities for the convocation ceremony.

Daramola said about 3,470 students would be graduating in five categories with 351 ordinary diploma, 1,846 in the First

Degree, 663 Post Graduate Diploma (PGD), 390 Masters Degree and 40 Doctorate Degree.

The Chairman added that out of the 1, 846 First Degree graduands in the five schools of the institution, 18 are in the First Class, 571 in the Second Class Upper, 803 in the Second Class Lower, 379 are in the Third Class and 55 are with ordinary pass.

He said eight projects executed with funds from the Federal Government capital vote, Education Trust Fund (ETF) and the Internally Generated Revenue of the university would be commissioned during the celebration. The projects are Senate Building Extension, male students' hostel, female students' hostel and Central Research Laboratory. Others are block of lecture room, Digital Research and Resource Centre and the upgraded sports centre.

He said the university had introduced new courses like Survey and Geo-Informatics, Remote Sensing and Geo-Sciences, Transport Management, Library Sciences, Building Technology, Marine Science and Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies.

The chairman added that the university would be holding career talk for secondary schools students on the newly introduced and existing courses of the university.

Daramola said the convocation lecture with the title 'Red Dlag Alert On Emerging Challenges of Higher Education in Africa' would be delivered by the Secretary General of the Association of University, Prof. Oluwagbemiro Jegede, on November 18.