

Mimiko make case for more funding for education

Ondo State Governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko on Tuesday in Akure the State capital called for adequate funding of the nation's universities to attain scientific and technological breakthrough.

He noted that Nigeria does not need to rely on foreign countries and expatriates to achieve results in all human endeavours.

The Governor, who made the submission while playing host to members of the presidential visitation panel to the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA) at the Government House, noted that the nation is blessed with abundant human and natural resources to turn around her fortune.

He stated further that most of the world renowned scientists and professors of repute are citizens of the country who have made appreciable impacts on the socio-economic development of most of the developed countries in the world.

Dr Mimiko opined that the productivity of any university should not be based on its size but on its impacts on the economic, scientific and industrial breakthrough of the nation, saying that the result of the visitation panel would go a long way to strengthening FUTA and make it more result-oriented.

He however commended President Goodluck Jonathan for setting up the visitation panel and described it as a panacea to solving some critical challenges of the university.

His words 'The more investment we put in our university system the better for this country. We do not need to rely absolutely on foreign countries to achieve result in whatever area of our nation's development. We are naturally endowed; we have the human capacity to turn around the fortune of our country. What else do we need?, we just have to invest more in this system. And for us, we shall continue collaborate with FUTA especially in the area of agriculture and other areas of development to solve the problem of the country'.

Earlier in his speech, the chairman of the visitation panel, Prof Saka Nuhu, said the panel was constituted to assess the challenges facing the university in the execution of its mission in the past six years.

He however appreciated the support so far given to the university by the Mimiko administration even as a federal institution and solicited more financial assistance from the state government.

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