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## **LAUTECH Recognises Contributions of Nanotechnology Scholars at 14th Combined Convocation**

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The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso, Professor Mojeed Olaide Liasu, has commended the contributions of LAUTECH Nanotechnology Research Group (NANO+), the leading research group on nanotechnology in Nigeria, as part of groups that have contributed to the success of the institution as the best state university in the country.

Liasu, who said this during the 14th Combined Convocation of the institution, highlighted the achievements of the group, which include publication of more than 140 research articles on nanotechnology since 2015; organisation of five workshops and conferences since 2017, establishment of a journal outlet on nanotechnology, promotion of nanotechnology discourse to deepen its understanding, and providing leadership to scholars on nanotechnology in more than 20 institutions in Nigeria.

He disclosed that <u>LAUTECH</u> produced six among the top 12 scholars in nanotechnology in <u>Nigeria</u>, as evidenced by articles published in a decade (2010-2020) that were indexed by the world renowned academic database, SCOPUS.

In a similar vein, the Acting Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the University thanked five lecturers for their immense contributions to the current ranking of LAUTECH due to their citations on Google Scholar.

They are Profs Olugbenga Solomon Bello, Agbaje Lateef, Beatrice Iyabo Ade-Omowaye, Omotayo Sarafadeen Amuda and Musibau Adewuyi Azeez. Among the scholars, the duo of Professors Agbaje Lateef and Musibau Adewuyi Azeez belonged to the LAUTECH Nanotechnology Research Group.

Both Lateef and Azeez are of the Department of Pure and Applied Biology of the University, where they graduated in 1997.

Commenting on the recognitions, Lateef stated that their achievements as individual scholars and as a team were for the glory of the university. He said: "It was historic that 25 years after graduation, our alma mater recognised our erudition in this way." He noted that the university gave them opportunities as pioneer students to excel in their studies.

While thanking LAUTECH in recognising contributions of scholars, he implored the university to ensure that better opportunities are created for advanced research activities to thrive in the system.

He restated call for the establishment of center of excellence in nanotechnology in the institution for the country to reap from the bountiful opportunities in nanotechnology.

Read the original article on The Guardian.