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FG TO RELOCATE FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES
IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT

The Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Education Arc Sonny S.T Echono had said that, the Federal Government may consider relocating some Federal Universities experiencing crisis of land encroachment to other states.

He made this known recently in Abuja when the 11th Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri paid a courtesy call on him.

Echono expressed worry on the spate of land encroachment in many FG owned Institutions located at the various states in the country, adding that it was time the Ministry began to advise the FG on possible relocation of Federal Institutions in communities that continued to be hostile to them.

The Permanent Secretary further said that, the FG would soon consider providing perimeter fencing of the institutions.

He also added, that the Ministry would work closely with the Ecological Fund Office to assist in proffering lasting solutions to erosion challenge.

Speaking earlier, the Pro Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO) Prof John Offem said that they were in the Ministry to pay courtesy visit to the Permanent Secretary and to appreciate the Federal Ministry of Education for the support and assistance to the University.

He also stated that the University would appreciate the Ministry's intervention in the areas of encroachment of FUTO land by the host communities, the erosion threat in the University, and the restoration of delisted academic programmes in the School of Management and Management Technology among others.

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